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A VEILED THREAT?

Boycott on Yangtse Must Cease!

FRENCH SAILOR SHOT DEAD.

British Official Attitude Regarding Negotiations.

Rugby, Oct. 13. Latest reports from China state that processions held to commemorate the anniversary of the Chinese Republic, which coincided with celebrations over the capitulation of Wuchang, passed off without interference with foreign concessions.

The boycott situation in Szechuan province, which a few days ago threatened to become acute, has been mitigated, partly as the result of strong representations made in a conference at Chungking between British Consular officers and the Chinese authorities in Szechuan.

Made Emphatically Clear.

The British representatives there are engaged in an effort to clear up many questions raised by the Wanchien incident of a few weeks ago.

The most immediate concern has been the boycott situation and they have made it emphatically clear that while the British Government desire to continue discussions in a friendly spirit pro-

THE CULPRITS.

Hankow, Oct. 13. Ships have been fired on between Kichow and Wusueh, where fighting between Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's and the southern troops is taking place. The local situation is unchanged.—Naval Despatch.

gress is made impossible by maintenance of boycott restrictions.

British Govt. Determined. The immediate result of the representations was the provision of supplies to the British community and to vessels in the upper Yangtse River, and improvement in the situation at Chengtu and other centres.

Whether this improvement will continue, it is impossible to foretell.

It has been made clear, however, that the British Government are determined to secure freedom of British lives and property from molestation in Szechuan, namely, the boarding of British vessels by Chinese troops desiring free passage on the river, shall be discontinued.—British Wireless Service.

Gunboat Attacked.

Shanghai, Oct. 14. News has been received in Shanghai to the effect that firing took place yesterday on the Yangtse on the French gunboat "Alerte."

Details are not yet to hand but it is reported that a sailor was killed and another wounded. The firing appears to have taken place between Wusueh and Kiukiang.

It is stated that the French Admiral is proceeding up river this morning.—Reuter.

Kiukiang is in Sun Chuan-fang's territory, on the lower Yangtse. Wusueh, a little further up, was his naval base but it is not certain at the moment whether there is fighting here.

Mischief Makers Busy. Hankow, Oct. 7. Professional trouble makers are still hard at work and a meeting was called for 2 p.m. yesterday for the purpose of arranging an amalgamation of all the Hupeh labour unions which have been organised since the southerners arrived in this centre.

The object of the conveners of this meeting is to enable the labourers to present a united front against the imperialists on October 10, when a monster procession is to be indulged in.

In addition to activities of this nature, street corner preaching is rampant and every effort is being made by these obnoxious pests to induce the ignorant coolie to commit some act of folly on the date specified which will force strong defensive measures on the part of the foreigners in this centre, while they themselves remain safely in the background.—"C. C. Post."

MISSING RECORDS.

TENANTS UNABLE TO PROVE CASE.

UNIQUE RENTS CASE.

The destruction by the assessment office of records in connection with houses for the years prior to 1920-1 was referred to at the resumed hearing this morning of the case in which the mortgagee in possession claims \$1,000 arrears of rent from the National Optical Company who claimed the protection of the Rents Ordinance in that more than the amount claimed had been paid in previous rent in the way of excess above standard rent.

Mr. M. K. Lo was for plaintiffs. Mr. L. D. Turner for the defendants, said that he had been unable to obtain direct evidence as to the rent of the premises before December 31, 1920 owing to the notification by the assessment office of the records having been destroyed. His Honour would therefore realise the "extreme usefulness" of the section of the Ordinance which provided the tenant with power to call evidence which, in fact, was not available. In the case in point, it was known that the domestic tenement was not the subject of a direct letting on December 31, 1920, and the tenants, who had made unavailing efforts to get first hand evidence, were unable now to discover what the rent was on the occasion of the first separate letting before December 31, 1920.

His Honour said that the tenants had been party to a contract and if they did not wish to fulfil it the only alternative was to seek the protection of the Ordinance. To avail themselves of this protection they had to show the standard rent and rent recoverable under the Ordinance. If they were unable to do this then it remained for them to abide by the contract.

Mr. Turner signified that he was in agreement.

The Judgment.

His Honour then gave more detailed judgment.

There was no evidence before him, he said, to show what, if any, rent had been paid in respect of this tenement on any date prior to the contract. A special provision of the Ordinance referred to the admissibility as evidence of certificates given by the assessor certifying returns of rent paid in respect of domestic tenements.

It was unfortunate, said His Honour, that the records of the assessor which were supposed to be available for this purpose when the section of the Ordinance was passed seemed to have been destroyed. No date of their destruction was given in the communication from the assessor's office but it appeared probable that they were destroyed either at the time of the passing of the Ordinance. The tenants had therefore been unable to discharge the onus, which was upon them, of proving the standard rent and availing themselves of the protection of the Ordinance.

It was agreed, said His Honour, that there had been an overpayment of rent to the mortgagee and the suggestion had been made by the defendants that this sum which was deductible from the mortgagee was also deductible from the mortgagee in possession.

In his view, said His Honour, the right to recover over-paid rent was a personal one between two parties and did not survive the assignment of the premises to a successor by the original lessor. The right, therefore, to deduct any rent overpaid ended on the assignment of the premises by the lessor. The point had not been decided before, commented His Honour.

Judgment was, therefore given for plaintiffs with costs.

TO-DAY'S SALUTE.

Just before midday to-day a salute was fired in honour of the visit of Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., (G.O.C. in China) to Captain R. Elliot, C.B.E., R.N., who commands H.M.S. "Hermes," the aircraft carrier now in port and attached to the China Station.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 1/11 15/16

STILL MORE TRADE.

Initiative by Unexpected Quarter.

JARDINE'S PROVIDE A TUG.

H.K. Ships to Go Alongside the Wharves.

In the return to normal conditions following the withdrawal of the boycott, it appears that the first step in employing coolie transport—a very desirable and important factor—will be taken not by the merchants, but by the leading Cantonese theatrical troupes.

This seems a very insignificant point to the average foreigner. These companies of travelling players have a very big quantity of theatrical properties. The owner's costumes are contained in 16 big trunks, built with "arm-

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

Hong Kong, Oct. 14. Several towns of lighters and other craft left Hong Kong this morning (Thursday) for Kongs-moon, Samshui and Wuchow. They are being protected from pirates by an escort provided by the British gunboats and H.M.'s Armed Launches.

The local military authorities published a proclamation yesterday (Tuesday), saying that the strike was to cease, but the Strike Committee have issued posters demanding a continuation of the strike.

Canton, Oct. 14. There are no further reports.—Naval Despatch.

our" protection to stand wear and tear. As such they must needs be cumbersome. Then there are the private gear of the "stars" and the scenery, bedding, personal effects, etc.

Then and Now. In short, each troupe fills three specially constructed houseboats and from fifty to a hundred coolies are employed in carrying the stuff about.

A week before the strike began, all the companies then playing in Hong Kong, fled in panic.

Not one in a hundred of the leading actors have dared show their faces in this Colony since. It is now definite that the three most popular troupes in Canton are coming down within the next two or three days, simultaneously to open a season here.

Whether the steamboats go alongside the wharves or not, each company will have to engage several gangs of coolies to put the stage effects, and big trunks or the steamboat.

Coolies Need Example. In Canton it is felt that should such a lead be given, ordinary cargo coolies will not be reluctant in coming forward to handle shipments and the return to normal will have taken another step forward.

At present there is no difficulty in discharging cargo from ships in Canton. Once doubt has been removed as to the possibility of getting merchandise into shops, the only point that remains is whether people will be afraid to trade. Best informed opinion does not entertain anxiety in this respect.

As a matter of fact, the s.s. "Sai On" took up some cargo this morning whereas she only took passengers on Tuesday and yesterday.

To-day's Improvement. Both the "Sai On" and the Steamboat Co.'s "Lungshan" are (Continued on Page 7.)

WAR COMPLEX.

SEVERAL SMALL ACTIONS IN KIANGSI.

BOTH SIDES WAITING.

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

Several comparatively small actions have been fought in Kiangsi province, with the northern allies claiming to have pushed back the Cantonese on all sectors.

From the tone of "despatches" it is gathered that there was no definite objective in view beyond relieving immediate pressure on strategic points which are regarded as keys to points on the northern line along the Kiukiang-Nanchang Railway.

Both sides are waiting but developments are expected in a few days when the southerners bring up, their reinforcements released through the siege of Wuchang, being over.

Vernacular reports state that the Fukien (northern) troops are in action, against the Nationalist defence garrison, along the Kwangtung frontier.

REPORTS BY MAIL.

Last Week's Fighting Described at Length.

Shanghai, Oct. 9.

A Kiukiang message of yesterday's date states:—

"The number of General Hu Tsung-to's troops, which were defeated by the allied forces in the battle at Te-an on Oct. 6, was some 5,000 men, but it appears that more than 1,000 killed and wounded were left behind."

"The southern troops, some 2,000 men strong, which proceeded eastwards following General Hu Tsung-to's troops, suddenly advanced on Chienchung (Yungshui) yesterday. One brigade belonging to Marshal Sun's 2nd Division, which had been stationed at Hsuehinfou, commenced an attack upon these southern troops."

"In the meantime, the allied force deployed in the valley along the Hsuehshui River and are now moving forward against the southern troops (the 4th Army), which are now concentrating in the neighbourhood of Wuning."—Toho.

Army Reorganised.

Shanghai, Oct. 10. Marshal Sun Chuan-fang has newly organised the 6th Army and appointed General Yen Ching-hsun, who rendered distinguished services in re-capturing Te-an, as commander.—Toho.

Shanghai, Oct. 10.

A message from Kiukiang dated Oct. 9 reports that the southern troops, numbering some 2,000, which advanced as far as Yungshui on Oct. 7, were attacked by the 2nd Division of the Allied army on Oct. 8 and retreated to the mountainous district west of Yungshui.—Toho.

Thoroughly Beaten.

Kiukiang, Oct. 11. The southerners who entered Yungshui on Thursday, were defeated and driven back to Tungku by Gen. Lu Hsiang-tung.

The Anhui troops are attacking Wuning and are fighting the troops under Gen. Li Tai-seng. According to a telegram from Kiukiang, dated Oct. 9, received by the representative of the Allied forces in Shanghai, the southerners on Chinselling Mountain, were thoroughly beaten by Gen. Yen Suen-chun on Thursday. The casualties amount to more than 1,000, while the number of captives, total about the same.

Another telegram, dated Oct. 10, states that the Cantonese are retreating from Chinselling. They were in contact with the Allied 6th Army and were wholly demolished, while a company left in Kao-an was surrounded.

Other telegrams from Kiukiang headquarters say that Yang Sen's troops are advancing beyond Shasi to relieve Wuchang. His main force, together with those of Lu Kin-shan and Yen Tse-shen are to take Yochow, while others will advance on Hanyang, along the Han River.

The Sinews of War.

Shanghai, Oct. 10. A Hankow message of yesterday's date states that the southern troops are now hastening defence works in the regions of Kuangshui and Wushengkuan (not in Kiangsi, but on Wu Pei-fu's front) and that two regiments of the southern forces arrived at Kuangshui on Oct. 8.—Toho.

A Hankow telegram of yesterday's date says that the paper money so far put into circulation in

A RARE SPECTACLE.

Symbol of the Sovereign Parade.

SURVIVAL OF CEREMONY.

Surrey's Impressive Farewell to Hong Kong.

The "China Mail" is informed that unless the rain is very heavy the ceremony of "Trooping the Colour," announced to be held by the 1st Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment on the Murray Barracks Parade Ground at 4.30 this afternoon, will definitely take place. Elaborate arrangements have been made in this connection and it is hoped that the weather will clear before the appointed hour for the ceremony.

Every seat in the official stand has been allotted and it is anticipated that a large attendance of the general public—for whom Garden Road has been reserved—will be present. From inquiries made at Regimental Headquarters this morning, it is gathered that Hong Kong is promised a rare military spectacle.

Guard Mounting Relic.

The Parade will be under the command of Brevet Colonel F. S. Montague-Bates, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., the officer commanding the Battalion. The troops will fall in at Wellington Barracks and

PARADE POSTPONED.

JUST BEFORE TIPPIN TO-DAY IT WAS DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE "TROOPING THE COLOUR" PARADE ON MURRAY PARADE GROUND TO A FUTURE DATE NOT YET AT PRESENT FIXED.

Accordingly it is presumed that the traffic arrangements will not be enforced this afternoon.

Later.

The Ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday.

Ticket holders should be seated by 10.50 a.m. Garden Road will be closed to motor traffic from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

march from thence to the Garden Road entrance of the Parade ground under the command of the Adjutant, Captain J. W. Carpenter, M.C.

The practice of "Trooping the Colour" is a survival of an old guard mounting ceremony. Two colours are held by all Regiments of Infantry, one "The King's Colour," being the symbol of the Sovereign, the other "The Regimental Colour," being expressive of the spirit of the Regiment.

For to-day's ceremony it is the King's Colour which will be trooped.

Stately Slow March.

The following is the order of procedure:— The Colours, which are not usually touched or handled except by Officers, are, in the early stages of this ceremony, in the charge of a Sergeant with two sentries, as the Adjutant is the only Officer then present on parade.

Each Guard is formed into line with Sergeants in command. Later the Sergeants commanding the guards assemble, together with the Officers who are to do duty, on the Saluting Base, a relic of the days when they were so collected to draw lots for their guards, receive the "Parole," and any necessary orders.

The "Assembly" is now beaten by the Drums, as a signal for Officers and Sergeants to take post in front of their guards. The Adjutant hands over the parade to the Commanding Officer, and the Officers and Sergeants join their guards in the stately Slow March across the parade ground their Arms at the Recover.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

BIG TRUSTS.

OUTLOOK FOR STEEL INDUSTRY.

BRITISH CO-OPERATION.

Berlin, Oct. 13.

Facts are emerging which indicate that the recent informal economic negotiations throughout Europe are bearing fruit, especially in the direction of combining the steel industries of all Europe except Russia.

It is now known that the negotiations for the formation of an East European Steel Trust, composed of Czechoslovakia, Austria-Hungary and Roumania, are progressing favourably. It contemplates an alliance with the recently formed Combine, whilst the Swedish steel industry is rapidly being controlled by trusts, and is tentatively discussing joining the Combine.

It is also expected that the report of the conference between British and German business men at Remsey on Sunday, when published, will reveal a measure of British co-operation, though much depends on the formation of an International Railway Trust, for which negotiations are opening in London on Saturday.

Interested optimists believe that the Steel Combine will be extended to allied industries and form the foundation stone of an economic "United States of Europe."—Reuter.

"To Aid Reconstruction."

Rugby, Oct. 13.

Colonel Willey, ex-President of the Federation of British Industries, who was one of those taking part in the informal conversations between the British and German industrialists during the week-end, said that the aim of the conference was to investigate how the general volume of world trade could be increased. Any agreements that might ultimately result must be in the interests of the consumer and lead to a downward trend of prices. Never before had such a representative body of British industrialists met together and united. Apart from the larger aim of those participating this was all to the good. If in the end the conversations led to removing some of the differences in Europe, in regard to economic affairs Colonel Willey believed that they would be of immense value in accelerating throughout the world financial contact with European reconstruction. — British Wireless Service.

Peking, October 13.—The Deutsch-Asiatische Bank is now striving to succeed to the Russo-Asiatic Bank's right to take charge of China's Customs revenue and Salt gabelle as a sequel to the suspension of business on the part of the Russo-Asiatic Bank. The attitude, in this connection of the Chinese Government, which claims that it is authorised to take charge of the revenues is now attracting more attention than the proposition of Chinese bankers that the revenues should be deposited in native banks.

Gold.

The arrivals of gold this week were £11,000 in bars and £300,000 in Sovereigns. The Bank of England secured the whole of the Sovereigns and £338,000 of the bars, the balance being taken for the Continent and a small amount for India.

World's Raw Rubber Position.

Exports from all producing countries for world consumption.

1923 402,000 430,000
1924 420,000 470,000
1925 500,000 540,000
1926 (Est.) 575,000 (Est.) 585,000

Total 1,897,000 2,023,000

As shown above, 113,000 tons would represent less than ten weeks' supply for world on January 1, 1927.

The deficit in new supply by production spread over the four years (1923-1926) is estimated at 128,000 tons, but the large stocks on hand (239,000 tons) prior to start of restriction offset this.

MANCHESTER WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.

Messrs. James F. Hutton & Co., Ltd., Manchester, in their weekly report dated September 8 state:—

The market is almost in a state of doldrums, so much uncertainty appears to exist that very little business is transpiring. The forthcoming Bureau report, which unfortunately will not come to hand till after this report has been dispatched, is largely to blame for the state of affairs. Fears of another surprise, when the information is issued on Wednesday evening, tend to keep potential buyers in a state of anxiety. The majority prefer to wait until there is a little more light on the position. Such business that comes to book is chiefly of a class that cannot wait and must take what chances there are. The visible supply of America has only increased by 21,000 bales on the week as compared with an increase of 228,000 bales last year, in spite of restricted sales by local spinners. The coal stoppage is still causing an impediment to business. As against all these difficulties, mail advices from a number of markets indicate that lower prices are expected; on the contrary, quotations for most goods are higher this week than last. Manufacturers in Burnley for instance have closed down to the extent of 50 Mills for one week, rather than continue under the almost impossible conditions. Those who are watching the progress of the Cotton Spinners working of the Federation's basic prices scheme, are interested to note that on Friday next the first increase in yarn prices from those already fixed, takes place. An increase of 1/4d. per lb. on 36's Ribs beams is being made. Although the attitude of manufacturers has been to wait and see if the Spinners could hold out, there seems to be a satisfaction among Spinners that so far they have been quite successful in their project. Cloth prices have certainly been advanced but it seems to the observer that the volume of business has considerably decreased since the scheme came into operation, but with the coal difficulty increasing, this is perhaps not surprising, and it is hoped that the settlement of this unfortunate dispute, which now seems in view, will have an immediate effect on the trade of Lancashire. The business done in cloths made from Egyptian counts has been very small; this is due to the big rise in the raw material.

However, consumption has mounted up each year, and one must not forget that it is difficult in a planting industry, when very few fresh areas were planted up for four years, to keep pace with demand as nature will not be forced out of her own gait.

During 1927 the world should require for consumption purposes at least 5 per cent. more than it did in 1926, making requirements next year 612,000 tons, and the maximum production of the world is probably not greater than 625,000 tons, while some authorities estimate it at 675,000.

There is a strong feeling in some directions among those who closely study raw rubber statistics that consumption for 1925 has been under-stated and also that during 1926 it is being under-estimated. These are factors quite human and fallible, but they tend to bring sudden rises as we saw happen last year.

The consumption of rubber is a cumulative necessity and grows more insistent yearly, in spite of larger usage of re-worked rubber, and the latter may act as a boom-rang.

The potential supply of crude from all sources is now determined, but demand seems likely only to follow the upward trend of the past four years, as America enjoys unabated prosperity of a continuous nature—anyway, well into 1927—

HONGKONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide Predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Dobereck during the years 1887, 1888, and 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria, Naval yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two

October 8 to 14, 1926.

Date	High Water	Low Water
October	Standard Time	Standard Time
Fri. 8	10 10 8.5	5 5 2.5
Sat. 9	10 34 8.5	4 14 2.5
Sun. 10	10 57 8.5	4 40 2.5
Mon. 11	11 20 8.5	5 14 2.5
Tue. 12	11 43 8.5	5 48 2.5
Wed. 13	12 6 8.5	6 22 2.5
Thurs. 14	12 29 8.5	6 56 2.5

HONGKONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.

Oct. 7, June, June.	1926.	1918.	1914.
Beef Strain	牛尾	lb.	32 24 12
" Prime Cut	牛尾	lb.	32 24 12
" Corned	牛尾	lb.	23 12
" Roast	牛尾	lb.	32 24 12
" Breast	牛尾	lb.	28 20 18
" Soup	牛尾	lb.	24 20 18
" Steak	牛尾	lb.	34 24 12
" Steak Strain	牛尾	lb.	45 30 35
" Sausages	牛尾	lb.	40 28 20
Bullock's Brains	牛尾	lb.	15 10 12
" Tongue, fresh	牛尾	lb.	50 60
" Tongue, corned	牛尾	lb.	60
" Head	牛尾	lb.	12 20
" Heart	牛尾	lb.	26 13 14
" Hump, Salt	牛尾	lb.	35 20 18
" Feet	牛尾	lb.	8 10 12
" Kidneys	牛尾	lb.	15 10 12
" Tail	牛尾	lb.	28 18 14
" Liver	牛尾	lb.	8 6 7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛尾	lb.	12 20 12
Mutton Chop	牛尾	lb.	48 26
" Leg	牛尾	lb.	48 26
" Shoulder	牛尾	lb.	54 24
" Saddle	牛尾	lb.	48
Pig's Chittlings	猪	lb.	26
" Brains	猪	lb.	3
" Feet	猪	lb.	22 15
" Fry	猪	lb.	24 15 18
" Head	猪	lb.	20 20
" Heart	猪	lb.	15 10 10
" Kidneys	猪	lb.	13 10 8
" Liver	猪	lb.	50 30 24
Pork Chop	猪	lb.	44 25 23
" Leg	猪	lb.	44
" Loin	猪	lb.	48 30 70
" Fat or Lard	猪	lb.	24 21
Sheep's Head & Feet	猪	lb.	90 60 70
" Heart	猪	lb.	15 8 7
" Kidneys	猪	lb.	18 12 10
" Liver	猪	lb.	55 25 25
Sucking Figs, to order	猪	lb.	25 25 27
Suet, Beef	猪	lb.	32 20 18
" Mutton	猪	lb.	55 28 24
" Veal	猪	lb.	38 20 18
" Sausages	猪	lb.	40 20 20
No. 1.	猪	lb.	32

Fish.

Barbel	魚	lb.	30 19 24
Bream	魚	lb.	28 20 16
Canton Fresh	魚	lb.	30 18 16
" Water Fish	魚	lb.	32 15 27
Carp	魚	lb.	30 12 9
Catfish	魚	lb.	30 12 9
Codfish	魚	lb.	30 20 25
Crabs	魚	lb.	65 23 26
Cuttle Fish	魚	lb.	18 18 2
Dace	魚	lb.	80 23 16
Dog Fish	魚	lb.	12 10 9
Eels, Conger	魚	lb.	4

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*LAFLATA MARU ... Friday, 5th November.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

CELEBES MARU ... Friday, 15th October.

HONOLULU MARU ... Tuesday, 19th October.

BORNEO MARU ... Wednesday, 3rd November.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOBEASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.

PANAMA MARU ... Wednesday, 20th October.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

SEATTLE MARU ... Monday, 25th October.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

KOISO MARU ... End of October.

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AFRICA MARU ... (From Shanghai) Wednesday, 27th October.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.

ARGON MARU ... Beginning of October.

JAPAN PORTS.

HAMBURG MARU ... Thursday, 14th October.

ANDER MARU ... Sunday, 17th October.

KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY.

HOZAN MARU ... Friday, 15th October noon.

KAJO MARU ... Sunday, 27th October, at 10 a.m.

TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.

KOTSU MARU ... Wednesday, 20th October 3 a.m.

TAKAO and KEELUNG.

BATAVIA MARU ... Monday, 25th October.

DAIREN via TIFOO and TSINGTAU.

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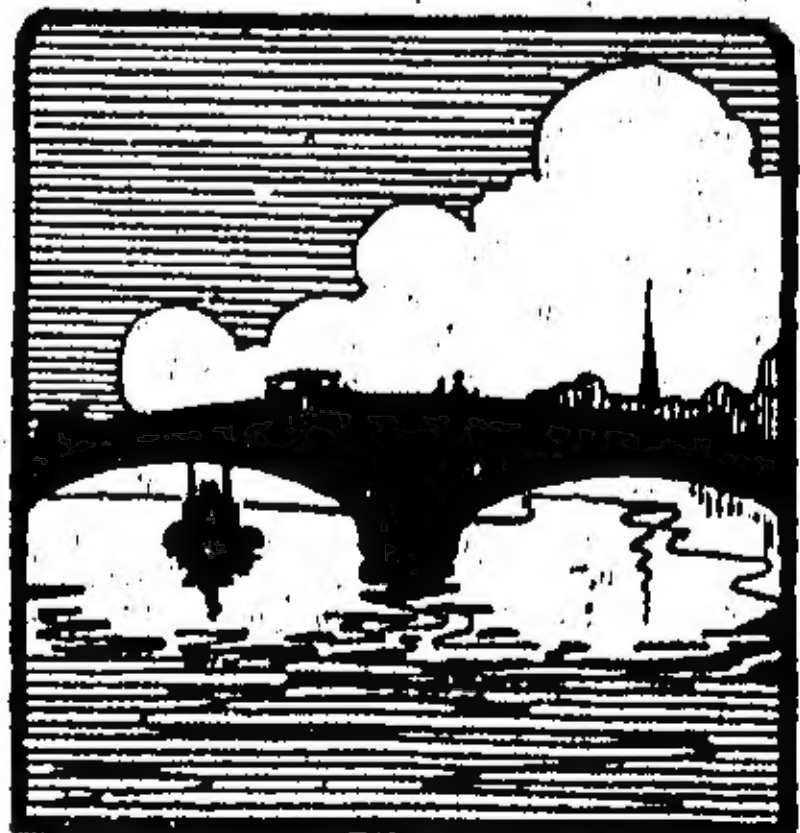
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CARGO FROM THE FAR EAST.

TWO HOLDS AFFECTED

Port Said, October 13. The Italian steamer "Rosandra," from the East, is lying off the port with Nos. 4 and 5 holds and the engine room bunkers on fire.

All means are being taken to extinguish the flames, and there is a possibility of success of Nos. 3 and 6 holds being flooded and discharging their cargo on deck.

The cargo is chiefly copra, soya beans, cotton, pepper, tea, general goods, and oils.—Reuter.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hongkong were reported:—

Antenor (6800) Brl. from Liverpool and Singapore; B. & S. Linan (1359) Brl. from Shanghai; B. & S.

Anhui (2080) Brl. from Singapore and Amoy; B. & S.

Hop Sang (1359) Brl. from Tsingtao and Amoy; J. M. & Co.

Kamsang (3341) Brl. from Singapore and Calcutta; J. B. & S.

Foonhing (1423) Brl. from Canton; J. M. & Co.

City of Baroda (4499) Brl. from Newport and Manila; Bank Line.

City of Tokio (4426) Brl. from Liverpool and Singapore; Bank Line.

Hong Peng (2625) Brl. from Rangoon and Singapore; Seng Soon Hong & Co.

Tjikini (2388) Dutch, from Batavia and Amoy; J. C. J. L.

Palemboer (1029) Dutch, from Balikpapan; A. P. C.

Jude (386) French, returning in port due to unfavourable weather conditions.

President Lincoln (8359) American, from San Francisco and Shanghai; Dollar Line.

Mamberg Maru (3158) Jap. from Bombay and Singapore; O. S. K.

Hozan Maru (1883) Jap. from Keelung and Swatow; M. B. K.

Celebes Maru (4258) Jap. from Moji; O. S. K.

Departures.

For Canton: Hopsang, Yat Shing, Indo China.

For Shanghai: Empress of Asia, Tung Fook.

For Tientsin: Jade.

For Hongkong: Haidia.

For Moji: Madassar Maru, Akita Maru.

For Singapore: Van Overstraten, Shirala.

For Sandakan: Mausang.

For Otaru: Langton Hall.

For Amoy: Soochow, Antung.

Clearance.

For Haiphong: Kwangse.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:—

British	84
Panama	1
Norwegian	2
German	2
American	1
Japanese	4
Chinese	13
Dutch	5
Portuguese	3
French	2
Italian	1
No flag	1
Total	69

Mariners are notified that the position given for the Tathong Point Light, Lam Tong in "Notice to Mariners" No. 5431 and published in the "Gazette" of December 2, 1925, is incorrect, the accurate reading being: Lat. 22.14.23 N., Long. 114.17.12 E.

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PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

List of passengers arrived at Hong Kong per s.s. "Antenor" from England via Ports, on October 13: Mr. W. L. Alexander, Mr. D. H. Binks, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barrow, Mr. P. H. Cobb, Miss E. H. Cameron, Capt. R. Ellis, Miss T. I. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Feder, Miss Feder, Mrs. Greig, Miss D. J. H. Greig, Miss M. H. Greig, Mrs. Guetart, Mr. H. B. Hammond, Miss E. V. Hughes, Mrs. Holyoak, Miss J. Holyoak, Miss D. Holyoak, Capt. and Mrs. J. D. Joll, Miss J. S. Joll, Mrs. Jacobs-Larkoon, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lay, Miss A. C. Middleton, Miss M. C. Middleton, Miss M. Middleton, Master H. A. Middleton, Mr. W. C. Nalmsmith, Mrs. M. R. Remington, Miss W. Remington, Mrs. J. Sheldon, Miss H. Smith, Mrs. Syme-Thomson, Master F. S. Syme-Thomson, Master G. P. Syme-Thomson, Mrs. E. L. Sim, Major and Mrs. A. B. Slee, Master R. A. B. Slee, Mrs. Whyte-Smith, Miss M. J. Whyte-Smith, Miss C. Whyte-Smith, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Maas, Miss P. V. Maas, Miss R. S. Maas, Miss A. H. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Yate and Miss W. Yates.

List of passengers arrived per s.s. "President Lincoln" from San Francisco via Ports, on October 14:—

For Hong Kong: Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Adams, Mr. H. H. Braun, Mr. P. W. Cotton, Mrs. F. McD. Courtney, Mr. R. F. Griffin, Mrs. C. A. Hayes, Rev. C. Hilbert, Mr. W. A. Hilliard, Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Jones, Miss M. H. Jones, Rev. R. P. Kennolly, Miss E. Lopes, Miss V. Lopes, Mr. M. E. Lautman, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Lockhart, Mrs. Loo, Dr. A. Meinert, Mr. W. E. Newill, Mrs. W. E. Newill, Mr. Lam Ngow, Mr. C. Payne, Jr., Mr. Luey Lak-ping, Mr. Lim Pongkat, Miss E. Serber, Mr. G. L. Sheeks, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Suckling, Miss S. Todd, Mr. O. J. Todd, Miss K. E. Vaughan, Mr. Luey Lok-wan, Mr. Koh Tiew-wan, Mr. Y. Yamaguchi and Mr. Chung Shi-yin.

For Manila: Mr. and Mrs. E. Block, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brookman, Dr. H. Brokenshire, Mr. A. Buchanan, Mrs. H. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. C. Deering, Mrs. C. S. Derham, Mr. M. Dittschheim, Mr. J. G. Eisenberg, Mrs. C. Elizalde, Miss C. Elizalde, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Enriquez, Mr. L. Everett, Mr. S. Fraser, Dr. F. Gomez, Dr. U. A. Greenshaw, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gurley, Mr. W. G. Hall, Mr. J. B. Kimberly, Jr., Mrs. G. Nichols-Lamb, Mrs. B. C. Levy, Master D. V. Levy, Judge G. G. A. Malcolm, Mr. S. Mungahman, Mr. R. A. McGrath, Mr. and Mrs. I. McNay, Mrs. M. L. Nyborg, Master M. C. Nyborg, Miss R. Nyborg, Mr. A. Panaras, Mr. E. F. Pimley, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Pincain, Lt. and Mrs. G. D. Price, Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Rasmussen, Mr. J. Rasmussen, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Rau, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Root, Mrs. M. M. Seymour, Master P. Seymour, Mrs. F. A. Schneider, Miss S. M. Schneider, Master D. R. Schneider, Mrs. M. B. Shaw, Miss E. C. Stoughton, Dr. J. J. Vergara, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Warner, Mrs. A. R. Whitmore, Miss M. K. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wilson, Master J. R. Wilson, Jr., Miss E. Winham, Mr. J. B. Winmill and Mr. J. H. Wise.

DEPARTURES.

List of passengers departed per s.s. "Empress of Asia" for Vancouver, on October 14:—

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EMPRESS OF CANADA	Leave	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Feb. 1	Feb. 4	Feb. 13	Feb. 13
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Leave	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 6	Mar. 6
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Leave	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27	Mar. 27
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Leave	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17	Apr. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Leave	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8	May 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Leave	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29	May 29
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The model, which weighs 68,000 pounds, is now developing 517 horse power, but will not be put on exhibition until the output has been increased to 800 horse power, which is expected to be in about two months. It is also expected that the weight can be reduced to 45,000 pounds, or about half the weight of the present engines used in tugboats and other small craft.

Cheap Motorships.

Ultimately, Mr. Whaley says, the company expects to turn out larger units for ship propulsion, producing a motorship selling for \$100 a ton that will excel in efficiency and economy any of the present Diesel types. "The best price now is about \$125 a ton," he said, "and there are few available at that figure. This compares with about \$100 a ton for a cargo steamer of ordinary size. We can turn out a ship-size engine for \$75,000, but we will not be ready to put these engines on the market for at least two years."

Mr. Whaley asserted that the cost of the conversion of steamers to Diesel drive now being carried out by the Shipping Board will involve an outlay of twice as much as the converted ships can be sold for, because of the need for strengthening the hulls to withstand the vibration of the Diesel engines. With the Whaley engine, he declared, there is so little vibration that no such strengthening will be necessary, the initial cost will be lower and the power output higher.

Small Engines.

The smaller marine units, Mr. Whaley said, will be of about the right size for tugboat propulsion and will cost only about \$40,000, as compared with \$100,000 or more for Diesels of similar power. It is expected that the first unit will be placed on the market in January. This will be of the four cycle type. It is claimed that the engine will have the same maneuvering ability as steam, that it will start smoothly and will run without any noticeable vibration or noise from the lowest to the highest speed.

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OPERATORS' IMPROVED POSITION AT SEA.

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The shipping world is so directly concerned with the verdict of the Industrial Court in its inquiry into the conditions of wireless work at sea that a careful examination of the document issued amply repays the time spent in studying the somewhat lengthy conclusion at which the court arrived. The results are far reaching, not only to wireless operators and shipowners, but to the travelling public.

Drastic changes in maritime wireless work are suggested. These changes, although startling at first, will ultimately prove beneficial to all concerned—even the shipowner. The document will be formally signed and this approval will represent shipowners, wireless operators, and the wireless companies. There is complete harmony. There is not likely to be another wireless strike in the present generation.

From this point of view the recent strike, organised by the Association of Wireless and Cable Telegraphists, may be said to have done good, in the help it gave to bring the matter before the Industrial Court, and get a clear ruling for the future. On the other hand, the strike was a failure, because it objected to a reduction of £1 a month in wireless operators' wages, and the court has maintained that this reduction is quite reasonable and it has enforced it.

Maritime Practice.

A few more burdens are laid upon the shipowner, but he will tolerate these in the knowledge that at last the wireless operator is brought into line with the rest of the officers and crew. The conditions governing his work are now in keeping with maritime practice. In the past this was far from the case. Shipowners are directly concerned with three points. For the first time the shipowner is responsible for accident claims from the operators. One of the clauses in the agreement deals with accommodation on board, and is to the effect that the operators are to have accommodation not inferior to certificated mates' accommodation. As far as messing is concerned the operators take part in the arrangements, made for the navigating officers.

Unwritten Law.

It has been an unwritten law that wireless men get their share of salvage awards, but now it is definitely laid down that the operator is entitled to his share with the rest of the officers. Before the strike senior operators were paid \$20 a month. Now the figure is \$19 a month. Just after the strike they got \$18 17s. 6d. So the result of the Industrial Court award is 2s. 6d. a month increase. And in the case of the operator in charge on large vessels an extra payment of £1 a month is to be made. In the higher grades the operators have gained. In the rank and file they have lost. The keynote of the award by the Industrial Court is that the whole system is fundamentally changed.

According to Responsibility.

The men on the big ships, where the responsibility is naturally greater, are to receive higher pay. But after three years' work any man can get a job of this sort. Starting with August 1, 1926, for new operators, and September 1, for others, the first grade operators have their pay regulated by

the tonnage of the ships to which they are appointed. The pay of second grade operators will be regulated according to length of service; and the pay of third grade operators is fixed.

This arrangement removes the unsatisfactory conditions of the past, inasmuch as operators will now be paid according to the responsibility of their job, and not simply because they have put in eight years of marine work. In the past all operators who had passed eight years' on sea service received \$20 a month whether they were on a great liner or a small vessel. This was absurd. The new rulings put them on a business footing equal with the rest of the officers and crew.

Size of Ship.
In order to make the change over from payment for the size of ship, instead of payment for length of service, equitable, a sliding scale has been arranged for those operators now getting maximum pay. They may ultimately have to take up posts on smaller ships, which will mean a reduction in pay. Then their salary will be reduced at the rate of 10s. per month, each six months, running over a period to February 29, 1932. In this way, if there is to be a cut in pay, it is carried out in the most gradual manner.

One cold fact remains for the operators to realise. The strike arranged by the Association of Wireless and Cable Telegraphists failed in its object. The Industrial Court has gone to endless pains to draw up a scale of pay acceptable to the wireless operators, and its work is of far reaching value. It has cleared up a very difficult seafaring problem. The wireless operator is now a bona fide member of the crew. He takes part in the daily round of the ship's operations. When not occupied with his own installation he helps in clerical work and in the tallying of cargo. In short, he is just as adaptable as the other members of the sea profession.

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The B. I. s.s. "Takada" left Singapore for this port on October 9 at p.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here to-morrow at about 7 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Kobe to-day at 4 a.m. and is due at Shanghai on October 15 at 7 a.m.

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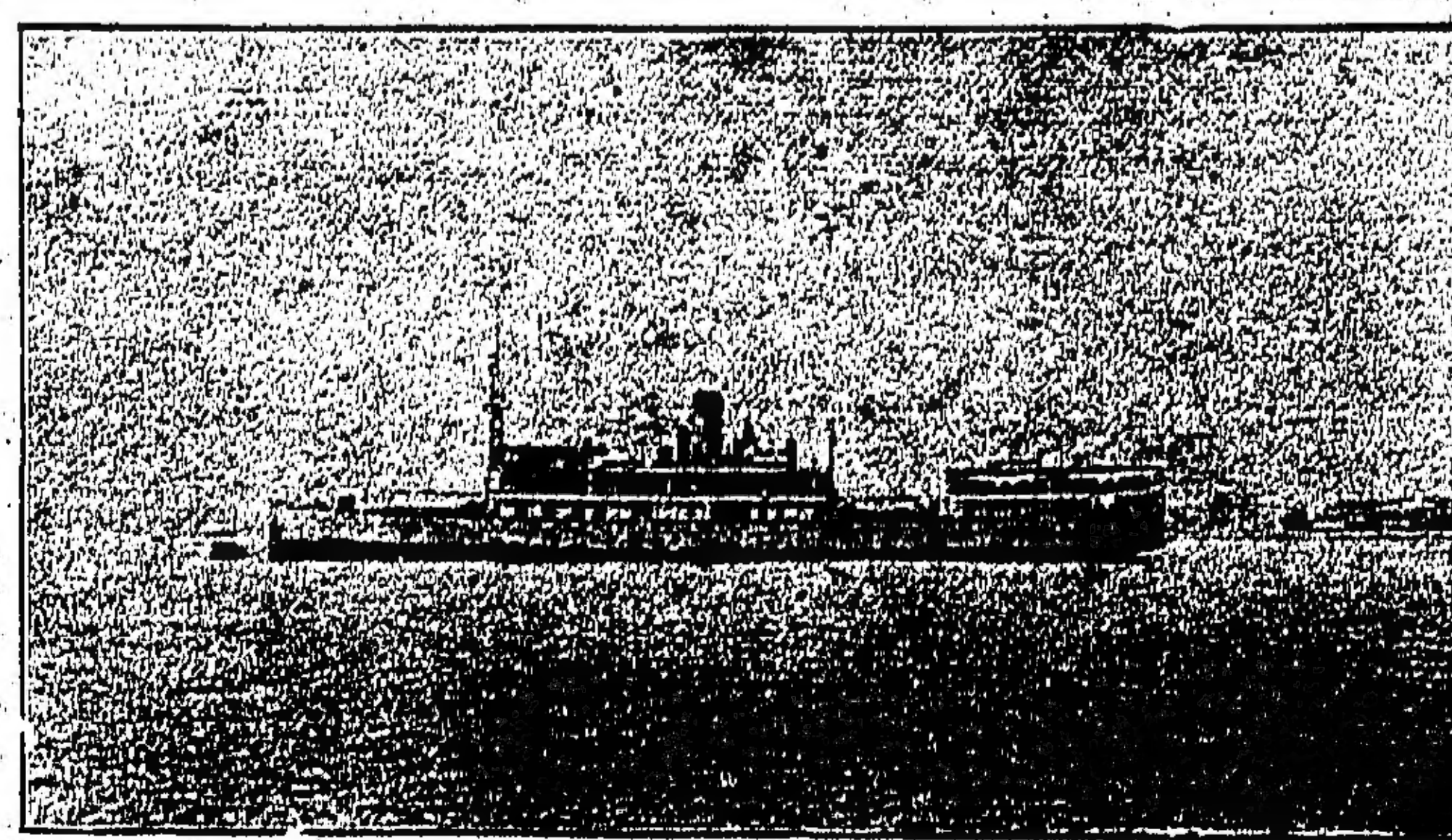
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LOCAL PILGRIMAGE.

To-morrow is the 9th day of the 9th moon. Besides its significance to the Chinese as the Chung Yeung festival, it reminds those who use the Peak trams daily that once a year, hundreds of Chinese make their annual pilgrimage to the upper levels.

Not all the worshippers travel by tram. Some use chairs, others motors and the humble their legs. But to-morrow large numbers of Chinese will again crowd out the regular travellers, in an endeavour to carry out a ceremony the origin of which is uncertain.

No holiday is declared, but those who can, bring their joss-worshipping paraphernalia with them; others let loose kites from the height on which the flagstaff stands.

The festival itself is somewhat akin to the one in the Spring when an exodus is made for the interior to worship the tombs of ancestors.

The object of autumn worship is really meditation and prayers for the departed. Those who loosen kites, do so with the idea of sending their "bad joss" away. A name commonly used for the day is "Dung Go" which means to climb up, this having originated from the practice in the interior where most tombs are on the hillsides.

Origin of Ceremony.

A personage who during the Ming Dynasty (before the Manchus entered Peking) escaped dire misfortune by ascending some height, is supposed to have been the originator of the ceremony.

The story goes that he was chasing his hat up the hillside while his family and every member of the household—including even the chicken—perished.

To perpetuate the memory and to celebrate his good luck, he continued, every year till his death, to visit the hill where he had lost his hat. Others believing in immunity from evil spirits, followed his example and the practice spread.

Some maintain that three or four decades ago, no tomb-worshipping was done on the 9th day of the 9th moon. But with the expansion of Chinese emigration, there were those with filial piety, who missed the season proper in the Spring and made the festival an excuse for worshipping their ancestors' tombs, as if to make up for the omission.

FLYING SQUAD.

MOTOR CYCLISTS WILLING TO JOIN.

SCHEME OUTLINED.

A meeting was held at police headquarters yesterday at which the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Capt. Superintendent of Police, outlined a proposal to extend the Flying Squad, which is a part of the police organisation, to members of the general public, irrespective of nationality, who are in possession of motor cycles and are experienced drivers.

The Capt. Superintendent of Police emphasised the usefulness of such a body of men who could reach any point in the Colony in a short time to suppress a disturbance of any kind. While those who were motor cyclists were eligible to join the Squad, which would carry with it special constabulary powers, he stressed the fact that it was not intended to interfere with the work of those who were already connected with volunteering and other movements.

Apart from the usefulness of the Squad in case of emergencies, the Capt. Superintendent of Police said that the members could do valuable work in connection with local traffic and in instilling into the minds of pedestrians the necessity of leaving the roads as far as possible for wheeled traffic.

It was also explained that side-car passengers would be necessary for the machines used by the Squad. Members would be provided with uniform and a badge to be worn on the sleeve. In addition an allowance of petrol would be made and free driving licences issued.

It is intended that the Squad will have weekly exercises, there being two sections, one for Hong Kong and the other for Kowloon if sufficient numbers come forward.

These were the main points of the scheme proposed and about 40 motor cyclists present signified their willingness to join. Some will be sworn in to-day as special constables and the Squad will make a tour of the roads in the island.

STAB IN BACK.

Secret of Cantonese Success.

UNUSUAL WAR METHODS.

Reasons for Southern Superiority in Kiangsi.

While the northerners were threatening Wuchang, General Chang Kai-shek surprisingly brought off a coup by a clever counter-attack on Sun Chuan-fang's main front.

Those movements were shrouded in mystery. How the Cantonese converted defence into offence is told in the following despatch from Kiangsi, dated October 5, which has reached the "China Mail" by mail.

The southern troops have made several surprise attacks upon the Allied forces, and their attacks have so far been wonderfully successful.

The defeat of General Hsieh Hung-hsun's troops and the fall of Te-an were the results of one such attack launched by the southern troops.

There must be some reasons why such adventurous movements of the southern troops have so far been successful. The chief reasons may be as follows:—

Strange Warfare.

1. Activity of the southern "Plain-clothes" Corps:—

These "plain-clothes" men who are dressed in ordinary clothes, as the words denote, always precede the ordinary southern troops. These men, prior to the advance of the southern troops, secretly enter the destination of the southern troops, in the guise of farmers, or students, or merchants, and some time even made up as beggars.

These disguised persons who succeeded in entering the place at which the southern troops aimed, suddenly threatened the enemy from the rear, simultaneously with the frontal attack by the southern troops.

It was by the activity of these plain clothes men that the southern troops captured Nanchang and Te-han, for neither was taken by frontal attack alone by the southern troops.

Northerners' Misdeeds.

2. The populace favour the southern troops.

In the past civil wars in China, robbery, murder, and rape were committed by soldiers. Also in the present warfare, the 1st Mixed-Brigade of the Shantung Army, which landed at Tayeh, perpetrated violent deeds, when they evacuated the town.

The southern troops, on the contrary, never do such things. The southern soldiers are very clever in winning the hearts of the people. They are trying to curry favour with the people, their slogan being, "We fight for your liberty," or "Our victory is the victory of the people in general," and so on.

People Favour Nationalists. Consequently the southerners are being welcomed by the people everywhere they go, while the northern troops are hated by the people, inhabitants taking to their heels as soon as the northern troops come in sight.

Owing to the good feeling of the populace towards the southern troops, the southern forces are able to get news of the enemy's movements with ease, for farmers and students willingly serve the southerners in the reconnaissance of the enemy's position, before the southern troops move forward. Almost no people really aid the northern troops, even though they are paid for such work.

To cite further instances, in the sector of Hsiushui, it appears that while the northern troops did not study the topography of the region, merely depending upon their maps, when they reached there, the southern troops utilised postmen, who are familiar with the narrow paths in the mountainous district, in order to feel for the enemy, and made a sudden attack upon the northern troops by taking short cuts.

Postmen As Spies. Moreover, as the Unions organised by the employees of the post-offices throughout China have connection with their Headquarters in Canton, postal workers propagandise for the southern troops and arrange everything before the arrival of the southern troops. As uniformed postmen are allowed to pass the battle lines, the southern troops make the best of malplan.

In the meantime, many socialists, who entered both Hupeh and Hunan provinces taking advantage of peasants' movements which have recently been started in the provinces, appear to have displayed activity only in the interests of the southern troops.

Canton's Real Strength.

The actual strength of the southern troops despatched from Canton is in the neighbourhood of 40,000

ST. STEPHEN'S BOYS.

RETIREMENT OF REV. W. H. HEWITT.

A FAREWELL DINNER.

A farewell dinner was given at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday evening in honour of the Rev. W. H. Hewitt, warden of St. Stephen's College, who is leaving for home on retirement under doctors' order.

Mr. Hewitt came to the Colony about 18 years ago and has been with St. Stephen's for the past 15 years during 11 of which he has been warden.

Among those present at the farewell dinner were:

The Bishop of Hong Kong, the Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppuy, Rev. E. W. L. Martin, Rev. Mr. Wittenbach, Dr. S. W. T'so, and Messrs. F. A. Britton, T. J. Price, K. L. Chau, Sir Wai-ming, Tao Tsun-on, Chan Shu-chi, Tseng Wa-shin, Tseng Wa-kit, Li Wai-hon, Loo Ping-kwan, Lim Seow-chong, Chan Yee-chung, Yeung See-ye, Li Shiu-kau, Blaker, Li King-hong, Ng Sze-kwong, T. N. Chau, Wing O-kut, Andrew Cheung, Li Chor-chi, Fung Man-siu, Tang Siu-kin, Li Hoi-tung, Lo Hin-shing, Uo Wan, Chan Lu-nin, Chan Cheong-nin, Cheung Wing-kue, Yip Ping-chun, Yip Ping-lau and Dr. Wan Yik-shing.

At the close of the dinner, Mr. Ng Sze-kwong addressed the gathering, referring with regret to the departure of one who had been a guide, philosopher and friend to many of those present. Mr. Hewitt's hard work and unceasing toil in shouldering his great responsibilities had told on his health, particularly during the past few years when he had had to face the problem of keeping up the school under a serious handicap in a small and unsuitable building with no definite idea as to when the proposed new structure would be erected.

In spite of these great difficulties, Mr. Hewitt had conducted the affairs of the College in a very able and courageous manner, judging from the number of boys who had flocked to it and the number who had had to be turned away for lack of accommodation.

Failing health had now made it necessary for him to retire. It was unfortunate for the College and its students that it was so, and it was obviously hard for him in view of the fact that his dream of a new and better building for the college for which he had worked so hard had not yet been realised.

He had no doubt Mr. Hewitt's anxiety on this score was a real one, and was sure it would be relieved if he could assure him that he could trust the old boys and the well-wishers of the College to see that the building soon became a reality.

The New Warden.

As to the work of the College after Mr. Hewitt had left them the chairman said Mr. Hewitt must feel very happy to think that in Mr. Martin he had a trusted and worthy successor.

They all felt truly sorry that the warden was about to leave them and much as they would like to retain him here, by hook or by crook, he was sure Mr. Hewitt would appreciate their good intentions much better if they surrendered him gracefully, considering that the doctors declared that his return to England was absolutely necessary for his health.

Mr. Hewitt Replies.

Rev. W. H. Hewitt expressed his thanks to his hosts for their kind expressions of good-will. He recalled the fact that it was fifteen years since he first joined the staff of St. Stephen's. The last few years had been particularly strenuous, but the College was fortunate in being able to carry on with good numbers, and he looked forward with confidence to the future. Mr. Hewitt paid a special tribute to the present students of the College, whom he described as a fine body of fellows with a fine spirit pervading them.

Dr. S. W. T'so, LL.D., spoke a few words on behalf of the College Council, and Mr. Fung Man-siu as a senior Old Boy, expressed the earnest hope that the warden might be so restored to health as to return from England and carry on his work among them for many years to come.

men but as the members of the labour unions act in concert with the southern troops at the destinations of the troops, they need not retain garrison forces in the regions they have occupied.

Thus the southern troops are enabled to proceed to the outpost line with all their strength and to do two or three times as much work as the enemy.

Under the circumstances, it is quite necessary to take these facts into consideration when one estimates the actual strength of the southern troops.

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TRADE STATISTICS.

In framing the new Budget it is hoped that the Government will make provision for the re-opening of the Statistical Office of the Imports and Exports Department as early as possible. The arguments in favour of such a step are too well known to require repetition at this late day. The Office was closed last year, merely on the plea of retrenchment and financial stringency, but to many local economists the wisdom of such a step is even yet seriously questioned. To a well-ordered Government a Statistical Office or Bureau resembles a trade barometer. It may not always be possible to ensure 100 per cent. degree of accuracy in the returns, but that of itself is a poor peg on which to hang the excuse that approximate returns are worthless either to the Government or to the mercantile community. There is no question of Lloyd's, for instance, being inclined to insure the most perfect Statistical Bureau in the world against liability to errors. In Australia, we know, the statistician's art is carried to a very fine point, with experts at the head of each Department in the various States. Absolute accuracy even there has never been definitely claimed, so far as we are aware. But—and this is the salient point—these Statistical Bureaux are of immense value to the whole country; their reports showing at a glance the development being made from month to month and year to year in the direction of industry and finance, and the hundred and one cognate subjects with a bearing on local economic conditions.

Here in Hong Kong the resistance to the closing of the Statistics Office was practically nil, the chief desire being to abstain from hampering the Government at the very outset of its efforts to chain up the financial watchdog. A trifle more zeal was manifested in the movement, a few months later, for the re-opening of the Statistical Office and the Government's rather feeble and inert

contentions were easily brushed aside by the General Chamber of Commerce, exactly ten months ago. But, as could only be expected in a Colony where unofficialdom is a nonentity, the Government had its way and the Statistical Office remains closed—heedless of the fact that our local returns are part of the world trade statistics and that Hong Kong should not lag behind other Colonies and countries.

Unless the mercantile community returns to the attack it is hopeless to expect the initiative to come from the Government. The Chamber's previous arguments are on record. They have never been successfully rebutted. All that they elicited from the powers-that-be was a cheap snigger that the cost of running the Department outweighed its utility—with a hint that statistics "equally valuable" might be provided at a reasonable rate through a semi-official agency!

We have nothing before us to show that the General Chamber of Commerce has made—or purposes making—any fresh move in this matter; but any inaction on its part would be very surprising, particularly now that the "boy cott" is a thing of the past. It is old enough not to require any lead from the Press; likewise it is old enough to appreciate the value of publicity and propaganda on a question on which the whole Press of the Colony is united.

TWO MORE BODIES.

VICTIMS OF THE VERANDAH COLLAPSE.

YESTERDAY'S DISCOVERY.

At the close of rescue work on Tuesday following the collapse of the verandah of a building under construction at Argyle Street, Yau-mat, when a woman was found to be dead on being extricated from the debris, it was thought that there were others buried underneath.

The work of searching the ruins was resumed yesterday by a large gang of coolies when two more bodies were found. Both of them were men who had been working for the contractor of the building. The body of one of the men, about 18 years old, had been badly mutilated by the falling masonry and his identity has not been discovered.

The death roll in the accident now amounts to three. The man and boy who were rescued by firemen are reported to be progressing favourably in hospital.

SATURDAY WEDDING

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BIG RECEPTION.

In connection with the wedding of Miss Dorothy Holbrook and Capt. Armstrong, arrangements are in hand for the reception at Government House which is to follow the ceremony at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday at 3 o'clock.

H.E. the Governor is to give the bride away and Lieut. C. J. Yeo, of the East Surreys, is to be the best man.

Arrangements are being made to entertain a large number of guests at Government House, after which the bride and bridegroom leave for their honeymoon at Peking.

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RUSH TO WORK.

MINERS LEFT ON OWN RESOURCES.

UNIONS HELPLESS.

Rugby, October 13. Twenty thousand more men returned to work in the coal mines yesterday, and it was authoritatively stated last night that over 27,000 miners are now engaged in producing coal throughout Great Britain.

The most important feature of yesterday's increase was the resumption of work by over 5,000 Lancashire miners. Several hundreds more in that area have signed on for work to-day.

The breakaway from the policy of the Miners' Federation in this important area is regarded as a particularly significant development, which must be taken into account when the Miners' Executive meets in London to-morrow. Small increases were also recorded yesterday in other areas in which the Federation policy is well supported, namely, Scotland, the North-Eastern counties, Yorkshire, and South Wales; but the numbers at work in those districts is still only about 10 per cent. of those normally employed.

FOR PEKING.

New Minister Sees the King.

London, Oct. 13. His Majesty the King received in audience Mr. Miles Lampson, who kissed hands on his appointment as Minister in Peking.—Reuters.

supported, namely, Scotland, the North-Eastern counties, Yorkshire, and South Wales; but the numbers at work in those districts is still only about 10 per cent. of those normally employed.

The Executive is meeting to-morrow primarily to receive dispatch reports on the various proposals for intensifying the struggle, including the withdrawal of safety men, but as the extremists are alone in advocating this project it is unlikely that any steps will be authorised to carry it out.—British Wireless Service.

Decisive Development?

Rugby, later.

To-day's increase in the number of miners returning to work is 70,000. The total number of men now producing coal is officially stated to be 224,896.

The statements made yesterday at the Labour Conference by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald (leader of the Labour Party), Mr. J. H. Thomas, the railwaymen's leader, and Mr. Ben Tillet, the transport workers' leader, showing that the miners can expect neither money from other unions nor an embargo on coal imports, constituted a new and perhaps a decisive development in the coal crisis.

The miners have been told by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in effect that the only thing that the Labour Party can do now for them is to take the fight to the House of Commons and there conduct it on a policy of nationalisation of the coal industry.

It is generally considered that the resumption of work will be accelerated in view of the position in which the miners now find themselves.

Home Secretary's Appeal.

Sir William Joynson Hicks, Home Secretary, speaking at the opening of the International Exhibition of Inventions, made an appeal to the participants in the coal dispute.

He hoped that reason would shortly reach the minds of those concerned in the stoppage on both sides, and that those who were warring to-day would think of the effect that that war was having on basic trades upon which the entire position of Great Britain depended.

He appealed to those concerned to consider whether the time had not come to say definitely that enough fighting had taken place, that honour on both sides had been satisfied, and that work should be resumed in all pits not merely for the well-being of the miners and their employers, but for the well-being of the great mass of the community, which was suffering as much as the mining industry itself.—British Wireless Service.

Substantial Stream.

London, Oct. 13.

There was a further increase of 7,000 miners working yesterday, chiefly made up of 4,000 from Lancashire and North Wales. The stream was so substantial in some areas that the collieries were unable to absorb all the volunteers pending much necessary preliminary work.—Reuters.

ARMS TRAFFIC.

No Importation Into Mexico.

Mexico City, Oct. 13.

In order to prevent bandits and revolutionaries obtaining arms President Calles has decreed the prohibition of importation of rifles, pistols, and cartridges.—Reuters American Service.

ILLICIT WOOD.

DAMAGE TO GOVERNMENT PLANTATIONS.

OFFENDERS IN COURT.

Mr. H. Green, superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department, prosecuted in several illicit wood cutting cases heard by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The first case was against a Chinese woman who was arrested by an Indian constable with a quantity of wood. Mr. Green said that the plantation in question, which was between Shaokwan and Repulse Bay, had been ear-marked for a scheme next year, but a lot of cutting was going on there. Defendant was fined \$25.

In the case of three women who were caught with wood in their possession, Mr. Green thought they were members of a gang who loaded 1½ tons of wood cut from the plantations into a motor lorry on Saturday. The story at they picked up the wood on the roadside did not impress the Magistrate and they were each fined \$5.

The third case was against a Chinese who had stripped off a quantity of bark from the trees for use as medicine. It was stated that stripping of bark kills the trees. A fine of \$35 was imposed.

WHO'S WHO.

PASSENGERS ON "PRES. LINCOLN."

Prominent passengers arriving per s.s. "President Lincoln" to-day from San Francisco, Japan, Shanghai, etc., are:

Mrs. Frank McD. Courtney, wife of the manager of the International Bank at Hong Kong.

Mr. Percy H. Suckling, manager in Shanghai of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, staying in the colony on business. Mr. Suckling is accompanied by Mrs. Suckling.

Mr. Paul W. Cotton, manager of the American Milk Products Co. staying in the colony on business.

Mr. Leonard Everett, Oriental manager of Messrs. Struthers & Barry, en route to Manila on business.

Mr. William Hull, en route to Manila to inspect Kama's Docks and Honolulu Iron Works of which he is the manager.

Mr. David Rao, of the Radio Corporation of America, who will construct several radio stations in the Philippine Government. Mr. Rao is travelling with his wife.

Mr. J. B. Wilson, a prominent official of the Standard Oil Co. in Manila, returning there after a short vacation abroad.

Mrs. Carmen Elizalde, wife of the manager of the Yachting Republic in Manila, returning in Manila after a tour in Europe and America. Mrs. Elizalde is accompanied by her daughter.

Mr. Geo. Malcolm, returning to Manila after a vacation in America. Mr. Malcolm is an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines.

THE WEATHER.

The official forecast of the weather, for Hong Kong, the coast and Formosa Channel, till noon to-morrow is:—East winds, strong; overcast, occasional rain.

At 11.05 a.m. the Observatory reported:—

Pressure has increased considerably over Japan and S. Manchuria, moderately over the Loochoos and slightly from Formosa to the Philippines and Pratas. It is nearly stationary over S. China.

The anticyclone is central over Manchuria.

The typhoon appears to be over 300 miles S.S.E. of Hong Kong, moving westwards.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day:—barometer 29.85; temperature 76; humidity 71; wind E., force 4; weather overcast.

QUEEN MARIE OF RUMANIA.

Washington, October 5.—Queen Marie of Rumania will be the guest of the White House while she remains in Washington, although it was pointed out by a high government official that her visit to the United States was entirely informal and unofficial.

The White House has announced a state dinner in honour of the Rumanian queen on the night of October 19. Assistant Secretary of State Butler Wright has been designated to meet the royal party in New York when they arrive aboard the "Leviathan" October 18.

She will be the guest of the Rumanian legation personnel on the evening of October 18 aboard a special train en route from New York to Washington.—United Press.

STILL MORE TRADE.

(Continued from page 1.)

going alongside their wharves at Canton to-day—another move that is highly desired by the Chinese as proof of confidence in the boycott being over, and that there will be no intimidation.

The Indo-China Co.'s "Hop-sang" went up this morning, taking strictly local cargo up, in addition to shipments from North China.

This company's tug, the "Indo-China," accompanied the "Hop-sang" in Canton she will provide towage for junks taking delivery of cargo from Messrs. Jardine's godown to the city or Shameen.

Such a facility is bound to be appreciated by Chinese shippers and will help towards resumption of ordinary trade.

Expectations Exceeded. When the steamboats came down yesterday, the number of passengers, who travelled without encumbrance exceeded all expectations. About 1,500 went up to Canton this morning as further evidence of the restoration of communications, and the quantity of cargo was encouraging.

The "Fook On" left for Wuchow to-day, the first to do so from Hong Kong since the strike.

The number of passengers from Nam Tau has increased thus in the last three days: 0, 110, 165.

What Others Are Doing? From Macao, the s.s. "Shing Cheong" went up yesterday, without incident, and the "Hang Cheong" follows suit to-day.

The Indo-China Co.'s "Yat-shing" leaves Hong Kong for Canton to-morrow.

As to Canton's surtaxes, it is gathered that an organisation has been fitted out and is ready to operate, but foreign consignees have not yet been called upon to pay.

Nothing more has been heard about the Severance of Inter-course Association which, as yet, has given no sign that it has official approval or toleration behind it.

Strikers are still leaving Canton but no plan has been announced to demolish the pickets who are now performing duty.

Definitely at End. Rugby, Oct. 13.

On the Canton River, since the calling off of the anti-British boycott, communications have improved between Hong Kong and Canton and gradual improvement seems apparent in the export trade and situation generally.—British Wireless Service.

Later. According to Canton telegrams, the strike and blockade are definitely at an end and the pickets have all been withdrawn.

"In A Few Days." Unrestricted communication is now taking place between Canton and Hong Kong and Chinese are again coming in large numbers, to foreign concessions on Shameen Island where the native staffs of British firms are returning to work.

It is impossible as yet to estimate the degree to which trade is being resumed and propaganda is still proceeding against it.

Nevertheless, silk dealers and other Chinese merchants are hopeful that normal business will be re-established in a few days and do not anticipate difficulties.—British Wireless Service.

Chinese Reports. Canton, Oct. 13.

The management of the Chinese section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway is conferring with the Construction Bureau with regard to negotiation with the British section for the resumption of through express trains.

The four Chambers of Commerce is forming a joint association for the promotion of national merchandise and to encourage industry.—"Wah Tsz Yat Po."

Canton's Surtaxes. Peking, Oct. 13.

It is understood that the Diplomatic Body will meet shortly to decide action with regard to the Canton surtaxes, but probably not until after the arrival of Mr. Yoshizawa, who is due in Peking on October 15.

Meanwhile the diplomats of all Legations are most reticent regarding the likely action.

Shantung has also begun levying somewhat similar taxes to those proposed by Canton.—Reuters.

Japan's Lead. London, Oct. 13.

The Japanese protest to China with regard to the attempt by Canton to levy surtaxes on foreign goods not only on the ground of her trade interests but because she does not intend recognising the divided sovereignty of China is the subject of a "Daily Telegraph" leader. This says that no Western people can encourage that sub-division if Japan opposes it and considers it would be a wise policy for Britain to imitate the action of Japan and refuse to acknowledge the sovereignty of South China.—Reuters.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

October 14—Queen's Theatre, "Messalina."

October 14—World Theatre, John Barrymore in "Sherlock Holmes."

October 14—Star Theatre, Alice Terry in "Turn of the Night."

October 14—Dance at Government House, 9.30 p.m.

October 20—H.E. The Governor and Lady Clementi "At Home" at Govt. House to representative gathering of the East Surrey Regt.

October 21—Grand Concert under the auspices of the Navy League, Queen's Theatre, 9.30 p.m.

October 30—Repulse Bay Hotel Carnival.

Sports.

October 14—Second Chinese annual aquatic sports at North Point.

October 15—Third annual meeting of Kowloon Chase Club in Kowloon British School, 5.30 p.m.

October 16—Hong Kong Police hold aquatic sports meeting at Victoria Recreation Club, 3 p.m.

October 20—Army Harbour swim from Kowloon Ferry to R.A.S.C. Camber.

October 30—Fanning Hunt Races, Kwanloon Race Course, Fanning.

October 30—Annual sport of the Scottish Company, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, on Hong Kong Football Club ground, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

November 3—Sixth bi-annual annual race for the "Trevelva Trophy" from "Channel Rocks."

November 6—First boxing tournament of the season under H.K. Boxing Assn. at Theatre Royal.

Auctions. October 16—At Messrs. Lammer Bros', Sales Room, Duddell Street, miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

October 19—Sale by auction at China Auction Rooms, the 8-storeyed Pender Building, by order of the mortgagee.

Meetings. October 16—Annual meeting of H.K. Cricketers Club, in the Pavilion, 5.30 p.m.

October 15—Annual meeting of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association 5.30 p.m.

October 22—Twenty-second annual meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, at the Club House, North Point, 5.30 p.m.

October 23—Extraordinary meeting of the Bank of Canton, Ltd., at No. 6, Des Voeux Road Central, 2 p.m.

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FORGED ORDERS.

FRAUD AT MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD.

IMPOSTOR CAUGHT.

In attempting to obtain goods by false pretences much too often from the grocery department of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., a Chinese was caught by the police on Tuesday.

Defendant, who had formerly worked under Mr. C. G. Darby, was successful in obtaining goods to the value of \$182.72 by producing papers purporting to have been signed by his master between September 7 and October 6.

On Tuesday he made another attempt to obtain goods to the value of \$28.45 by means of another forged order, but the fraud was detected.

When charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two months' hard labour on each of the two counts, the sentences to run consecutively.

POSTPONED.

We are informed by Mr. John Smith that owing to the inclement weather, the display of the Automatic Carbonic Acid Dry Fire Extinguisher "Totat" to be held at the Kowloon Fire Brigade Compound this afternoon has been postponed.

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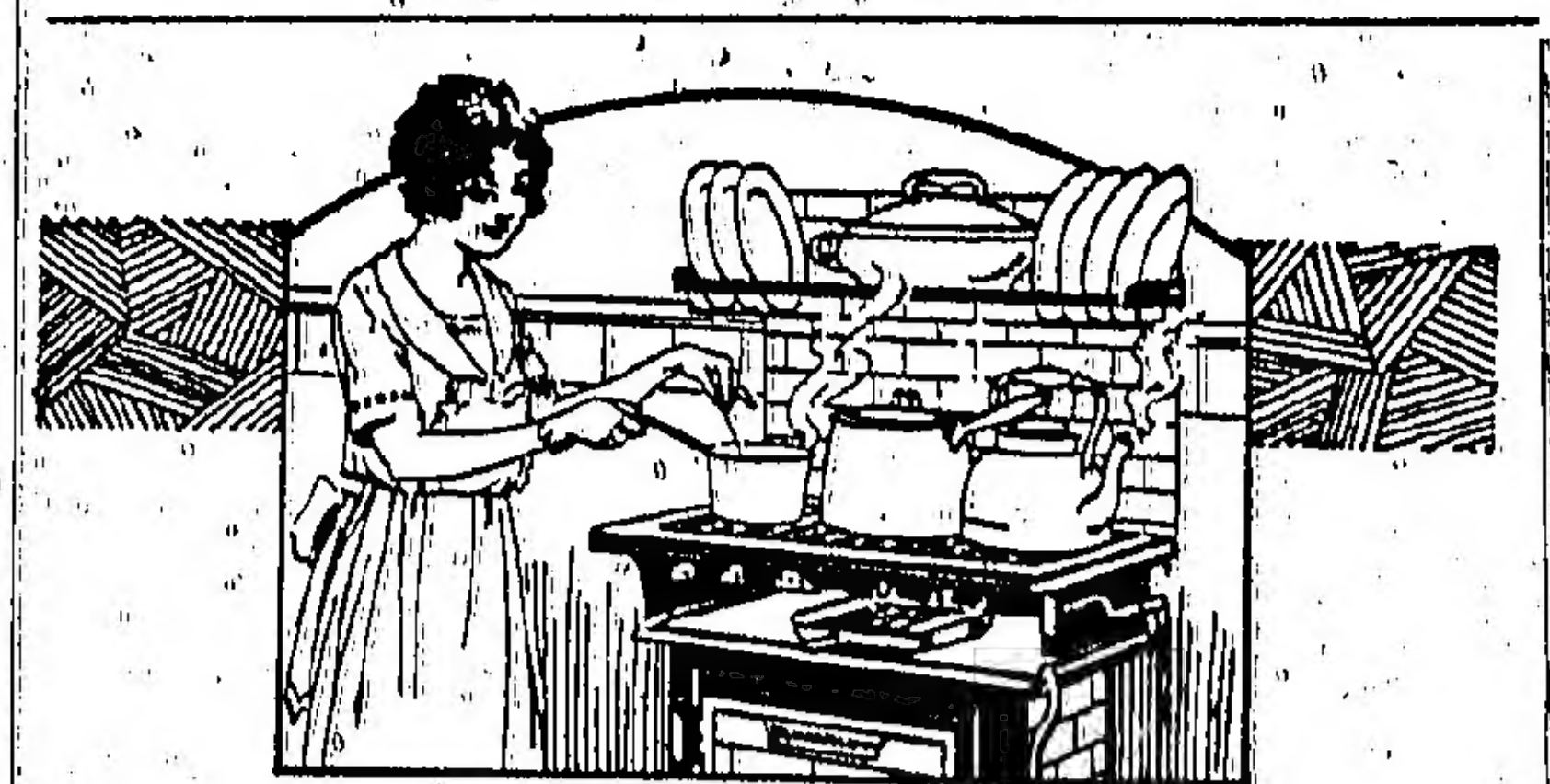
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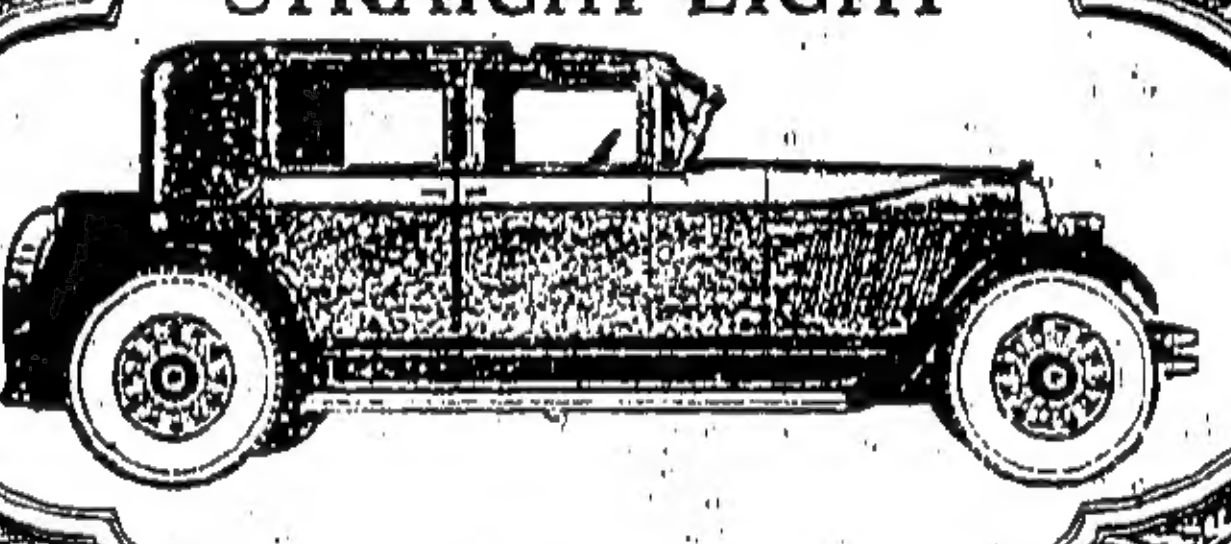
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Reminder: Ex-Active Service Men's Association (1914-1918) annual meeting at the premises (No. 17, Queen's Road Central) at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow.

The Colony had a clean bill of health on Tuesday when no fresh case of notifiable disease occurred. On Wednesday there was a fresh case of enteric fever (typhoid), the patient being a Chinese from the city.

With three previous convictions against him, a Chinese youth was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. J. H. B. Nihill at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, for theft of \$18 from his former employer.

A young Russian who was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with stowing away from Shanghai on board the s.s. "President McKinley" was sent to the House of Detention until the return of the vessel from Manila when he would be taken back to Shanghai.

Berlin, October 5.—Herr Curtius, the Minister of Economy, in a speech delivered at Cologne at the Populist Congress declared that one has to reduce to just proportions an optimistic feeling abroad, especially that of the United States, in what concerns the German economic situation. Herr Curtius declared himself little in favour of the Thoiry project and totally opposed to a fusion of the questions of debts and German reparations. However, he declared himself in accord with Herr Stresemann in what concerns foreign policy.

Two Home mails are due again to-day. The s.s. "President Lincoln" is scheduled to arrive from the North with mail from Home and Europe via Siberia, and will also bring mail from U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai; while the E. & O. s.s. "Mantua" is due about 4 p.m. with mails from Home and Europe via Suez. The letters and papers of this mail are dated London, September 16, while parcels are of a week previous. The "Mantua's" mail is not likely to be ready for delivery or collection from the Post Office until to-morrow morning, unless the steamer arrives earlier than scheduled time.

Members of the Hong Kong Cricket Club are reminded of the annual general meeting at the club pavilion at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow, after which a hundred club debentures are to be drawn.

The Western Union Telegraph Company state that the laying of the new paraffin cable between England and New York was completed recently, when the final splice in the Bay Roberts-New York section was made, and it is expected that the cable will be in full use within the next few weeks.

Washington, October 6.—Secretary of the Treasury Mellon said in an interview to-day that Henry Ford's plan to inaugurate a five-day week in his factories would have neither adverse nor beneficial effects on the nation's industry if it is first assured that production would not be curtailed. He expressed the opinion that a six-day week was "not too severe" on workmen but that if the same results could be accomplished in shorter hours, there were no apparent disadvantages.

New York, October 5.—Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, upon the occasion to-day of the eightieth anniversary of his birth, declared that conditions were "very satisfactory" and that he was convinced that serious business slumps no longer are necessary. He said growing competition from foreign trade probably would be less injurious than that originating in the United States. He also declared that the Henry Ford plan for a five day week was uneconomical.

Due to the pressure of public opinion as expressed in the resolutions and demands for a more aggressive policy, in the matter of the Wanhien incident received from all over the country, a joint commission composed of representatives from the War Ministry and the War Ministry has been named to conduct a thorough investigation of the occurrence at Wanhien and to assist General Yang Sen in his negotiations with the British, says a report from Peking. According to this report, the commission will soon leave for the scene of trouble.

Peking, October 8.—Dr. Wang Chung-hui, who was nominated by the Peking Government as one of the official liquidators of the Russo-Asiatic Bank, has already started his work.

The Legations at Peking are receiving numerous inquiries from missionary headquarters at home concerning the safety of missionary bodies in Honan, Hapeh and other provinces affected by the present war situation.

According to the results of examinations held in Tokyo for applicants on the indoor staff of the Chinese Maritime Customs, of the 300 who participated only 6 Japanese young men passed, some 100 having failed in the physical examination, and the remainder in the written examination.

Paris.—A message from Chet. Bourgeois states that the new radio-electric post which has been ordered at the Casquets for the purpose of guiding ships at a distance, has started to work. The new system enabled the "President Harding" to manoeuvre without difficulty in a thick fog. The captain declared himself very satisfied, and expressed the hope that many similar stations would be installed on the English coast.

Peking, October 7.—The American Legation has been authorised by Washington to send one of its junior military attaches to Sianfu to attempt to arrange for the evacuation of American missionaries from the city. The Britishers, Messrs. Wheeler and Wyatt, who left last month in order to make similar arrangements on behalf of the Britishers there, are believed to be due to arrive at Sianfu.

The Cambridge University Press has arranged to publish a new edition of Arthur Young's "Travels in France," with an introduction and critical notes by Constantia Maxwell, of Trinity College, Dublin, and a preface by Professor Henri See, of the University of Rennes. This edition will include a selection from Young's "general observations" upon French economic conditions which form Part II. of the original work, and have never been reprinted. The volume will not be ready for some time.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy H. Suckling arrived in the Colony by the "President Lincoln."

Mr. D. Mackenzie, the well-known diver of Taikoo Dock, leaves for Home with Mrs. Mackenzie and three children on Saturday by s.s. "Morea."

The death, occurred at the Government Civil Hospital on Monday, of Captain Alexander Gillan, well-known among China Coast Officers. The funeral took place at Happy Valley Cemetery yesterday morning.

Mr. H. V. Khiani, the manager proprietor of the well-known firm of Messrs. Pehomull Bros., left the colony for home (India) on holiday by the s.s. "D'Aragnan." His many friends went to see him on the boat and wished him bon-voyage.

Captain Evans, master of the s.s. "Sai On" made his last trip on that steamer, at least for some time to come, when he returned in command of her yesterday afternoon from Canton. Captain Evans departs on Saturday for Australia, on leave, by the s.s. "Change." The command of the "Sai On" has been taken over by Captain Jynkins.

Passengers sailing for the north by the s.s. "Empress of Asia" this morning included Mr. and Mrs. W. Albert, Mrs. M. E. Asger, Mr. W. R. Butchart, Mr. J. Coulthart, Flight Lieut. J. S. T. Fall, Mr. J. S. Gubbay, Mr. C. S. Gubbay, Mr. R. S. James, Lieut. H. E. Magnusson, Mr. J. L. Robinson, Major and Mrs. O. P. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. D. Templeton and Mr. Liang Shih-yi.

It will be with regret that the many friends of Mr. W. Dunman will hear of the death of his mother, Mrs. M. A. B. Dunman, which occurred at Bournemouth on October 6, at the advanced age of 96 years, says the "Singapore Free Press." She was, before her death, probably the oldest Singaporean living, though she had not been out East since the early seventies. Mrs. Dunman was the second daughter of the late Mr. T. O. Crane and married Mr. T. Dunman in 1847. The Dunmans and the Cranes were two of the families which played a very prominent part in the life of Singapore in earlier days, and there are many relatives by marriage of succeeding generations in Malaya now.

The American Consulate-General is interested in securing information as to the whereabouts of Mr. Glenn Mason, formerly of Vallejo, California, who is believed to be in Shanghai.

A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Mr. John Barr-Sim, Jerantut Estate, F.M.S., and Charlotte Winifred, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair, 16, Eglinton-crescent, Edinburgh.

Consul J. E. Jacobs, who has been a technical adviser to the American Delegation on the Extraterritoriality Commission, has returned and resumed his duties at the Shanghai Consulate-General, but will proceed to his new assignment as Consul at Yunnan on or about October 20. Mr. Jacobs has had 8 years' service in Shanghai during which he has served chiefly as American Assessor in the Mixed Court, and as Administrative Consul.

Shanghai, October 8.—Following the transfer to the Head Office, Tokyo, of Mr. Kyosuke Ohtani, former Commander of the S.V.C. Japanese Company, and Director of the Toyo Menka Kabushiki Kaisha, the post of Commander of the Japanese Company has been vacant. It is stated that Mr. Ghei Miyazaki, of Messrs. Miyazaki and J. L. de Zutter, Members of the Shanghai Exchange Brokers' Association, has been invited to fill the post.

Shanghai, October 9.—An attractive wedding took place yesterday afternoon in the Union Church, the Rev. E. F. Borst-Smith officiating, between Mary Ann Douglas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Douglas of Banbury, Kincardineshire, and Edward John Harper, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Harper of Aberdeen. During the war the bride served in the Women's Royal Air Force and the bridegroom in the Mercantile Marine.

Hans Kaack, chancellor of the German Legation at Bangkok, Siam, accompanied by his wife, Anna Kaack and their child, is arriving in Manila on or about October 20. The German chancellor is travelling on official duty, and, in his way, intends to visit the Philippines. From Bangkok, they will go to Singapore on the steamer "Kistna" and to Hong Kong via Manila on the steamer "Anterior." The usual courtesies of the port will be extended to the visiting German diplomat and his family. The German community in Manila will entertain them.

Sir Henry Pollock returns to the Colony early next week and the Hon. Dr. W. V. M. Koch, who has occupied Sir Henry's seat on the Legislative Council, leaves on holiday.

A visit to Lygon Place set me wondering which London street has the greatest proportionate number of titled residents (says a "Daily Chronicle" writer). In the little street of houses, built 20 or 30 years ago, at the end of Ebury Street, only three houses are occupied by untitled folk. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister lives there, and Lord Willington has a charming house with a wonderful marble hall. Lord Hanworth lives at No. 2 Lygon Place, with Sir Philip Ivor as his next door neighbour.

M. Franquill, the Belgian Minister of the Treasury went to London recently in order to discuss the situation in China with the British Government. M. Vanderveide, the Foreign Minister, had already discussed it with the Chinese representatives at Geneva, and, although the proposals were not satisfactory to Belgium, they hoped to reach an agreement. Failing a modus vivendi, Belgium would bring the matter to the notice of the Hague Court.

The number of women who have made good as dramatists—including those who have received well merited praise, but not a great deal of pudding with it—is very small. There is Miss Elizabeth Baker, who wrote "Chains" so many years ago; there is Miss Clemence Dane, who made a hit (and money too) with "A Bill of Divorcement"; there is Miss Tennyson Jesse, who has collaborated successfully with her husband, Mr. H. M. Harwood; and there is Miss Gertrude Jennings, perhaps better known by her one-act, airy, witty trifles, than by her "Young Person in Pink." Now Miss Naomi Royde-Smith, one of the most brilliant and original of London's women journalists, has begun promisingly as a playwright with "A Balcony" at the Everyman Theatre. Miss Royde-Smith succeeded, as dramatic critic of "The Westminster Gazette" Mr. E. F. Spence, formerly dramatic critic of "The Scotsman." Consequently, she conducted the Competition Page of "The Weekly Westminster" (the old "Saturday Westminster"), inventing most of the problems and subjects which had a great vogue among literary and scholastic people.

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NEWS AND NOT PUZZLES.

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Here is one of the mysteries put to millions of readers of a London daily when the Wanhien rescue occupied pride of place:—"General Lieut. So-lung went over to the enemy."

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But about this "General Lieut." So little is known in the Old Country that names of places, generals, factions, organisations, &c., are sadly mutilated or misrepresented. The man referred to was Liu Tso-lung, who betrayed Wu Peifu and gave the Hanyang Arsenal to Canton.

The "China Mail" takes great pains in supplying footnotes and explanations to all messages which baffle the non-Chinese. A week's collection of these—in the "Overland"—make a handy reference for use here or abroad. Get a copy immediately!

This week has seen the momentous settlement of the boycott. Whatever views you hold individually, yours will be included as a complete record has been kept, making an excellent and readable narrative. All communiques, despatches and reports are reproduced. The first phase of what is hoped will be the new era of Hong Kong, is described in such a way as to be informative, convincing, and impartial—thus meeting the requirements of all.

Every other bit of "local" news from last Thursday to this Wednesday inclusive will be found in this issue.

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SPORTS SECTION

POLICE AQUATICS.

PROGRAMME FOR THIS SATURDAY.

TWO CHAMPIONSHIPS.

A programme of 15 events has been arranged for the fifth annual aquatic sports of the Hong Kong Police which will be held at the Victoria Recreation Club on Saturday (October 16).

The meeting is under the patronage of H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, Sir Henry Gollan, Lt.-Col. G. F. Hole, R.N., the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (C.S.P.), and Mr. J. W. Franks (Superintendent of Prisons).

Among amusing events are the greasy pole and pillow fight. An added feature is the life-saving event.

The sports will commence at 3 p.m. and take about three hours to complete. Admission will be free.

Programme of Events.
Plate Diving.
Championship of Police (Indians and Chinese).
Championship of Police (Europeans).

100 Yards race, members.
V.R.C.
Two lengths (Indians).
Long plunge.

Two lengths handicap.
Boys' Race.
Greasy Pole.
Two lengths Breast Stroke.

High Dive.
Life Saving.
Nomination Race.
Undressing Race.

Pillow Fight.
Team Race.

CHARITY SOCCER.

GUNNERS v. CHINA ATHLETIC.

ENDS IN DRAW.

[By "Centre-Half"]

At Sookumpoo yesterday evening, the Royal Artillery and the China Athletic senior eleven played a draw of two goals each.

The soccer was fast throughout, and the soldiers were slightly superior.

From the kick-off the Chinese attacked, but play soon veered back to their own half.

Lai Yuk-tai was forced to concede a corner to prevent Harris becoming dangerous.

Receiving the goal kick, Leach sent back a low drive, and one of the Chinese defenders deflected the ball into his own goal.

Not many minutes had elapsed when the Artillerymen again forced a corner and added another goal through Rachell.

Lighting Goal.
The Chinese tried hard to get going, but the gunners' defence played a sound game.

However, the Chinese broke away in a sporadic rush before the interval, and Suen reduced the deficit by a fine goal after drawing the custodian out.

After the breather, Harris came within an ace of scoring. The nippy Chinese forwards were not slow to reply. With remarkable ingenuity Suen snatched another goal, his lightning-first-timer bedeviling Sneath. This made the score 2-2.

The soldiers were getting most of the play, but Ng Kam-chuen, with fine tackling and sure kicking, nullified their efforts time and again.

Penalty Missed.
The gunners' vanguard could not finish their cleverly begun movements. They were awarded a penalty, but Leach failed to score.

Just before the final whistle, the China team went away on one of their dangerous rushes and almost snatched victory.

Ip Kau, however, missed a glorious chance by shooting over the bar.

The R.A. team was superior in many ways, but the forwards although individually clever muddled some good chances.

The Chinese defence played a great game, and Suen was a clever forward.

The proceeds of the match were in aid of the dependants of the late B.Q.M.S. Jacobs, R.A.

The following have been selected to represent the Club de Relevo, in a cricket match against the Chinese Recreation Club on Saturday, at 2.15 p.m., at King's Park:—

H. A. Alves, D. Almada, H. A. Barros, F. H. Carvalho (capt.), C. E. Marques, J. E. Noronha, F. M. Ozeiro, M. F. Pinna, R. C. Reed, C. M. Sousa and H. M. Xavier.

Reserve: D. P. Lopes.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

TEAMS CHOSEN FOR SECOND TRIAL.

SATURDAY'S MATCH.

Two teams have been selected for the second interport cricket trial on Saturday, start on the H.K.C.C. ground at 2 p.m.:—

H. R. B. Hancock (capt.), A. C. I. Bowker, W. Brace, Capt. C. A. Bridgland, Capt. N. C. D. Brownjohn, B. D. Evans, E. C. Fletcher, S. A. Ismail, H. V. Parker, A. W. Ramsay, C. D. Wales.

A. W. Hayward (capt.), F. C. Goodwin, J. D. Humphreys, S. Jax, Major Lightfoot, E. J. R. Mitchell, E. B. Reed, A. A. Rumjahn, G. R. Sayer, G. R. Villack.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

CLUB XI LOSE 4-2 TO PUNJABIS.

YESTERDAY'S MATCH.

Yesterday afternoon, playing on their own ground in King's Park Kowloon, the Hong Kong Hockey Club lost to the 5 2nd Punjab Regiment by 4 goals to 2.

The game was very well contested. Through one of their players not putting in an appearance, the Club played a man short till half-time, after which the Punjabis kindly lent them a player.

The Punjab centre scored shortly after the start. Then the soldiers did most of the pressing, the Club occasionally making a sortie.

The Punjab centre-forward got through again and gave his side a two goals lead. The Club were able to hold their own for the rest of the half and there was no further scoring before half-time.

The second half opened sensationally. Getting well away the Club forward moved up and from a pass by Evans, Plummer scored.

The Punjabis immediately retaliated and again were two in the lead (3-1). Shortly after the Club got their second goal through Armstrong. The Punjabis attacked after this and were again successful (4-2).

It was getting dark by this time and the Punjab centre was unfortunate in having his head cut. No further score was registered.

The Hong Kong Hockey Club should have met the Asiatic Peninsular Co. yesterday but the game had to be postponed owing to the fact that the A.R.C. are re-opening 14 up-country branches following the end of the boycott. This of course entails a certain amount of additional work for the staff, so that the team was unable to get away.

MISTAKES MADE.

A BASEBALL ASSOCIATION ADMISSION.

GAME'S POPULARITY.

Last season's activities were reviewed at a meeting held yesterday, of the Hong Kong Baseball Club, held in the American Consulate.

There were present Messrs:—C. S. Ransom (chairman), W. Logan, A. C. I. Bowker, R. C. Wilson, L. R. Ildefonso, H. Alves and Hin Wong.

The treasurer's report showed a balance in hand of \$1,293.82. Receipts amounted to \$1,600 as against \$721 for the year before.

To the increase in popularity and the improvement recorded, Mr. Ransom drew attention by saying that still more was wanted. Hong Kong wanted good baseball, he said, and pointed to the Chinese and Japanese teams as examples.

Mr. Ransom also congratulated South China A.A. on deservedly retaining the league championship.

As to mistakes in the past season, Mr. Ransom said that three or four members of playing teams should be called upon to umpire instead of picking up chance spectators and blue jackets who did not know enough of the game. He also asked that captains should impress on their men the necessity of learning the rules.

Thanks were expressed to the Press for support and to the chairman. Gifts were voted to a few officers of the Association.

Reminder: Annual meeting of the Hong Kong Cricket Club in the pavilion at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow.

50/1 VICTORY.

2250 SELLING PLATER IN CESAREWITCH.

BOOKIE'S BIG COUP.

London, Oct. 13. At Newmarket to-day, the first of the two big autumn handicaps in the Cesarewitch (2 1/4 miles), resulted:—

Myra Gray 1
Miss Sport 2
Templestowe 3

Twenty-four ran. Won by 2 lengths, 1/2 length between second and third.

Mr. J. Davis, the owner of Myra Gray, a Shrewsbury starting-price bookmaker, bought the horse in a selling race in 1925 for £250.—Reuter.

Rugby, Oct. 13. Mr. Cottrill owned Miss Sport and Mr. Stobart is the owner of Templestowe.—British Wireless Service.

The weights were:—Myra Gray (6 years) 6st 11lb. Miss Sport (5 years) 6st 9lb. Templestowe (4 years) 6st 13lb. [Top-weight in the acceptances was Asteroid II (4 years) 9st 4lb. Bottom weight was 6st.]

SCOTTISH SOCCER.

IN THE LEAGUE, FIRST DIVISION.

London, Oct. 13. In division I of the Scottish Football League to-day, Queen's Park Rangers (on their own ground) drew with Airdrieonians 3-all.—Reuter.

ARMY HARBOUR SWIM.

A new aquatic feature is being introduced in the Colony in the form of an annual harbour swim for the Army. The first event of the kind will take place Wednesday.

The course chosen is from the Kowloon Ferry to the R.A.S.C. camber.

HARRY WILLS LOSES.

New York, Oct. 13. Jack Sharkey defeated the negro, Harry Wills, in a fifteen-round boxing contest at Brooklyn, winning on a foul in the thirteenth round.—Reuter's American Service.

The second Chinese annual aquatic sports of Hong Kong, under the joint auspices of the South China Athletic Association and the Chinese Bathing Club at North Point, will be held from to-day to Saturday. Some 70 young men and women have entered for the various events.

The following have been selected to represent the Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club in their cricket match against the Indian R.C. 2nd XI at Sookumpoo on Saturday at 2.15.—S. J. Clarke, J. C. Dunbar, S. Deacon, C. E. Gahagan, W. B. Musket, F. Normington, S. J. Stanesby, G. G. Thomson, J. C. Thomson, G. Vickers and J. R. Way. (Captain). Reserves.—T. P. Sanderson and D. E. Western.

The present colours were presented to the Regiment by the late Earl Roberts in July, 1903, in the presence of a distinguished gathering which included the late Earl of Ypres (then, of course, Sir John French) and the Countess of Ypres. They were consecrated by the then Chaplain General of the Forces, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Taylor Smith.

Music for To-day.
A long selection of music has been arranged for this afternoon's ceremony, the Band of the Surrey, under Bandmaster D. B. Dowle and the Drums under Sergeant-Drummer F. French. The troops will be played on the Parade Ground to the stirring notes of the well-known march "Bab-el-Mandeb." For slow troops, the slow march "Les Huguenots" has been selected, whilst for the quick troop, which follows immediately, the Band and Drums will break into "El Albanico." The Colour will be escorted to the strain of "The British Grenadiers."

The King's Colour. His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) will take the salute at the March Past. His Excellency will be accompanied by H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., (G.O.C. in China) and a distinguished gathering of prominent local residents.

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A RARE SPECTACLE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Escort of Honour.

The Band and Drums now play the first honour to the Colour by playing a Slow and Quick Troop, as a preliminary to the reception of the Colour into the ranks of the Battalion.

The Right Guard always finds the Escort for the Colour, the right having been a post of honour since the days of the Roman Legionaries.

On the Drummer's Call being played the Captain of the Escort for the Colour hands over command to the Lieutenant of the Escort for the Colour.

The Escort for the Colour preceded by the Band and Drums playing "The British Grenadiers" now marches across the parade ground to receive the Colour.

The Regimental Sergeant Major, representing the men, receives it from the Sergeant in whose charge it was, and hands it to the junior Officer of the Escort.

Sergeant-Major's Part.
The Escort receives the Colour with full honours, they "Present Arms" with the exception of the four Sergeants on the flanks who "Port Arms" and turn outwards as if to frustrate any attempt to interfere with this solemn moment. The Regimental Sergeant Major salutes with his sword, this being the only occasion on which he does so.

The Escort now marches in slow time to its original position through the ranks of the Guards, which during this movement "Present Arms" thus every man is enabled to see and honour the colour.

The guards march past in slow and quick time, after which they are formed into line, and should a person be present who is entitled to a "Present," ranks are opened and a general or Royal salute ordered.

The troops then march back to Barracks under the Adjutant.

A Great Past.
The East Surrey Regiment, whose Home Depot is at Kingston-on-Thames, was originally raised in the reign of Queen Anne as a regiment of Marines in 1702, and was commanded by Colonel Villiers.

In 1715 the name was changed to the 31st Regiment of Foot and as such it has the distinction of being the last regiment of the British Army to have been personally led into battle by a sovereign—King George II.

In 1782 the name was again changed to the "31st, Huntingdonshire" and it was not until nearly a century later—1881—that it adopted its present title.

Battle Honours.
As already stated, it is the King's Colour which will be trooped this afternoon, and in this connection it is interesting to note that the East Surrey Regiment is one of the few Regiments who are privileged to carry battle honours on their King's Colour.

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GOVT. HOUSE.

TO-NIGHT'S DINNER AND DANCE.

300 TO BE PRESENT.

The officers of the departing East Surrey Regiment, others representing the various units of the local command, Naval representatives and civil officials are being entertained to dinner, at Government House this evening at 7.45, and a dance at which it is anticipated that over 300 local residents will be present, is arranged for 9.30 p.m.

The hosts are H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi and Lady Clementi, and among the guests at dinner (totalling about 70 in all) will be H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard and Rear Admiral A. J. B. Stirling, C.B., R.N.

Government House has been specially decorated for the occasion, the dining room and verandah having been arranged as buffets, the two drawing rooms and corridors as sitting out places and the ball room, which has recently been re-decorated, is tastefully fitted out for dancing, a special floor having been prepared. The Lyric orchestra will be in attendance and a jazz band for dancing. The supper room has also been laid out for the convenience of dancers and card rooms and billiard room are also available.

N.C.O.s and Men.
Next Wednesday (October 20), H.E. the Governor and Lady Clementi will be at Home at Government House to representative gathering of the East Surrey Regiment when it is anticipated that nearly 300 will be present (including the wives and families of N.C.O.s and men). They will be entertained to tea and there will also be dancing. Lady Clementi having arranged for lady partners. A play by local amateurs will be given in the grounds and musical items in the ball room.

RUBBER MARKET.

CABLED QUOTATIONS FROM SINGAPORE.

LATEST DIVIDENDS.

(By courtesy of Messrs. Carroll Bros.)
Singapore, Oct. 14.
The following rubber shares have been sold at prices stated:—

Allenby \$ 3.50
Ayerpanas \$13.25
Changkat Serdang \$10.10
Jerums \$ 1.85
Kempas \$ 9.30
Malaka Pindas \$ 2.95
New Serendah \$ 4.90
Sanderofts \$ 3.10

Latest dividends declared are:—Allenby Rubber Co.—interim of 10 per cent for the year 1925/7.
Ulu Yam Tin Dredging Ltd.—(s. 6d. per share.
Kinta Tin Mines—interim 1s. per share.

BANK OF CANTON.

PROPOSED CHANGE IN CAPITAL.

STERLING TO DOLLARS.

An important announcement appears in this issue with regard to proposed changes in the issue of the share capital of the Bank of Canton, Ltd.

An extraordinary meeting is to be held at 2 p.m. on October 23, when resolutions will be submitted. Briefly, the project is to convert the 25 fully paid up shares into shares of H.K.\$40 at rates of exchange to be fixed by the Board; and to increase the capital to \$11,000,000 in 275,000 shares of \$40 each.

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LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 14, 1926, 10.50 a.m.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Estates Brokers' Share & Real Estate Society.
T.T. on London	1/11 3/4	1/11 3/4	1/11 3/4
T.T. on Shanghai	78 3/4	78 3/4	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	116 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2
do. London	412 1/2	412 1/2	412 1/2
Chartered Bank	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Mercantile Bank, A. & B. C.	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
P. & O. Bank	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
Bank of East Asia	84	82	82
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
China Underwriters	1.35	1.4 b & sa	1.40
North China Insurance	1.45	1.40	1.40
Union Insurance	293 1/2	293	294
Yangtze Insurance	36 b Mex.	40	40
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	200	200	200
H.K. Fire Insurance	610	600	610
Shipping.			
Douglases	29 1/2	29	29
Hongkong Steamboats	29	29	29
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	2	2 1/2	2
Indo-China (Pref)	30	30	30
do. (Def.)	42	40	40
Shell Transports	67 1/2	68	67 1/2
Star Ferries	15	15	15
Water-boats			
Refineries.			
China Sugars	24	24 1/2	24 1/2
Malayan Sugars	36	35	36
Mining.			
Benguets	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Kailan Mining Ad.	40 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
Langkats (Combined)	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
do. (Single)	13	13	13
Shanghai Exploration	13	13	13
Shanghai Loan	78	8	8
Raub's	4 1/2	4 1/2	5
Tonoh Mines	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
Ural Caspians	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Decks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	127	126 1/2	126 1/2
H.K. & W. Docks	58	58	60
Hongkows	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2
New Engineerings	16 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2
Shanghai Docks	123 1/2	123	123
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	10.80 b	10.85	10.80
Hongkong Lands	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
Hongkong Realty	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
H.K. Territorial	4	4	4
Humphreys Estates	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
Prince's Building	80	87	87
Rural Lands	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	7.40	7.40	9 1/2

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People and Events in the News of the World



Mrs. William Marshall, of New Haven, complained to the authorities that her daughter, Ruth (22), was being held in an institution of the Pillar of Fire sect, headed by Bishop Alma White, at Bound Brook.



Three women, above all others, waited for news from the bedside of the late Rudolph Valentino, whilst he was dangerously ill in New York. They were Winifred Hudnut (left), once his wife, Pola Negri (centre), said to be his fiancée, and Jean Acker (right), his first wife. Valentino is shown below.



The return of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Berlin from Europe, and constant reports that they expect an reconciliation, are to be reconciled.



Curious persons gathered around what was left of the plane of Lieutenant C. E. Butts, who was injured when it fell near Bellefonte.



Mrs. Sebastian Kresge returned to America from abroad with the announcement that she would fight the divorce action brought by her husband, millionaire five and ten cent store operator.



Mrs. Delphine Dodge Cromwell, of New York, has the distinction of being the only woman entered in the annual Gold Cup Regatta at Port Washington. She is shown at the wheel of her speedboat, the "Nuisance." She is the daughter of the late Horace E. Dodge, millionaire motor maker.



HERBERT M. LORD



FRANK KELLOGG



DAVID BELASCO



WILLIAM GREEN

General Herbert M. Lord assisted President Coolidge in paring \$90,000,000 off the budget. Mr. Frank Kellogg, U.S. Secretary of State. Mr. David Belasco, the producer, has been ill in New York. Deploring conditions in Mexico Mr. William Green, President, announced that the American Federation of Labour would not attempt intervention.



Edward Payson Weston, old time walking champion, was found destitute in New York. He had walked from Philadelphia. He is shown assaying a few steps, without his former vigour.



ALEXANDER P. MOORE



Mrs. HAMILTON MCKIM TWOMBLY



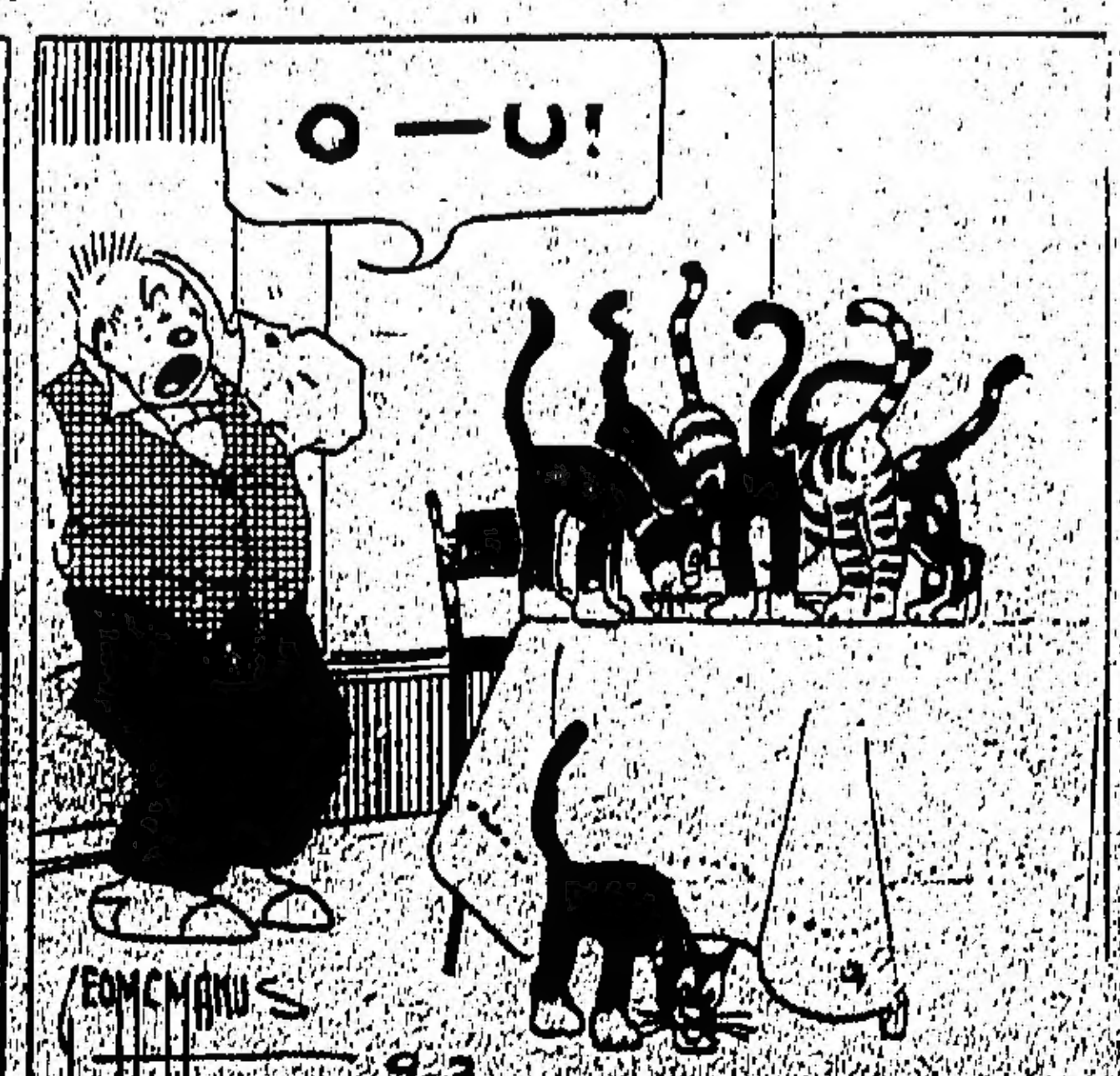
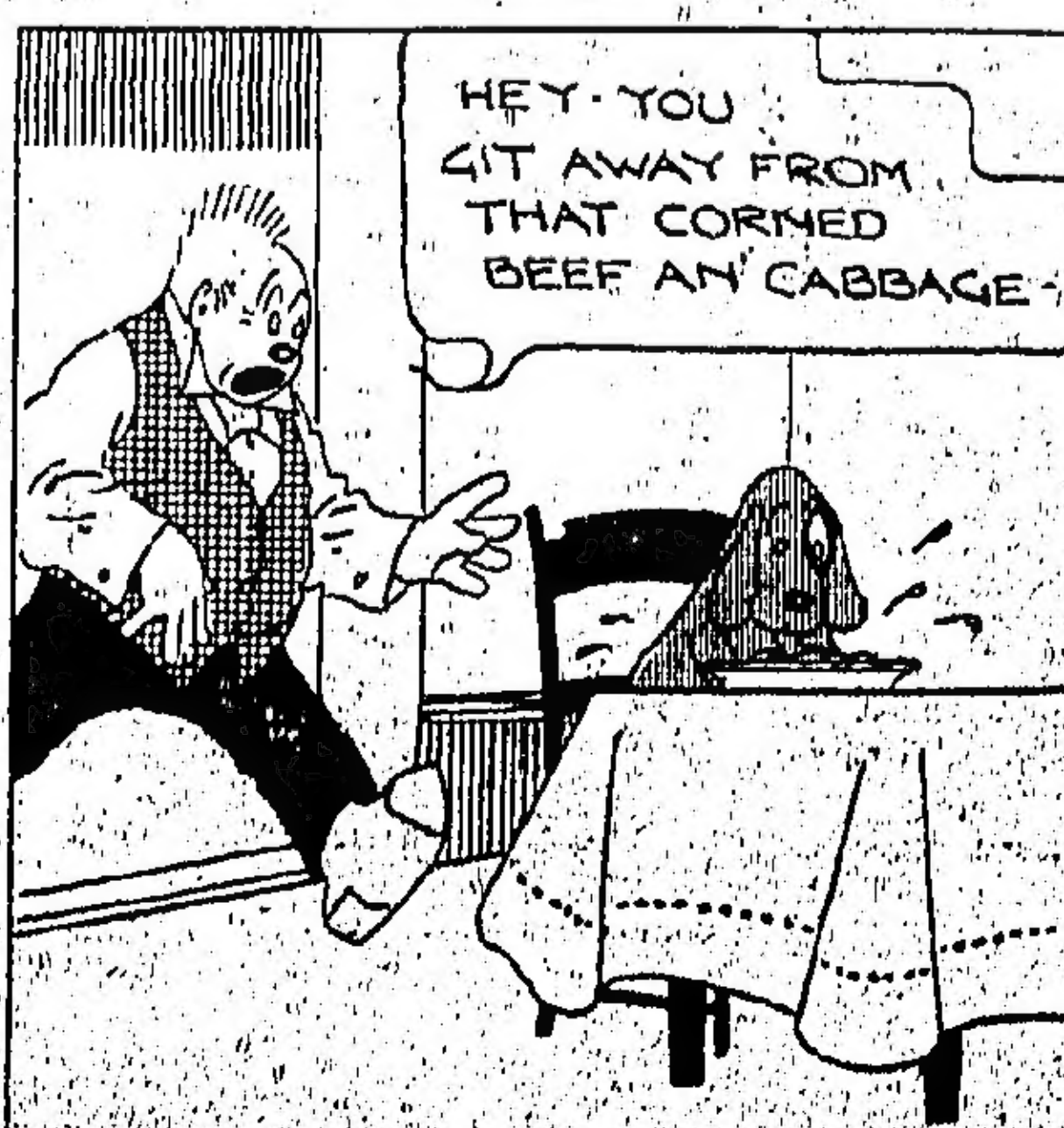
JAMES E. WATSON



KENNETH MCKELLAR

Mr. Alexander P. Moore, former ambassador to Spain, was operated on in Paris. Valuable worth \$40,000 were stolen from the home of Mrs. Hamilton McKim Twombly, Newport. Senator James E. Watson announces that he is not a candidate for President. Senator Kenneth McKellar, of Tennessee.

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RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK

CHINESE PARTICIPATION IN
LIQUIDATION?

WIRE TO PEKING.

Peking, September 29.—Participation in the liquidation of the Russo-Asiatic Bank is demanded by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai in the following telegram to the Government:—

"To the Cabinet, the Ministry of Finance and the Waichiao: The declaration of the Russo-Asiatic Bank to go into liquidation has an important bearing on the rights of our country as a creditor. Many of the Chinese money guilds in this city, which hold many notes of the bank, have flocked to the Chamber during the past few days and discussed the matter with us. All of them are of the opinion that the Government should appoint officials to take charge of the liquidation of the bank and that with regard to the accounts of the Shanghai branch of the bank local commercial organizations should appoint delegates to assist in the liquidation proceedings. For this reason, we telegraph to you to accept our recommendation and grant our request."

It is reported here that a liquidator will be appointed by the Russo-Asiatic Bank before October 1. The time is urgent. We urge that you negotiate with the authorities of the bank concerning our proposal at once. Awaiting your reply."

The Shanghai Chinese Banking Association and the Money Exchange Association, have also addressed a joint telegram to the Government requesting it to take advantage of the liquidation of the Russo-Asiatic Bank to effect the restoration of right of control of China's Customs. The telegram says that with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and the German-Asiatic Bank, the Russo-Asiatic Bank shares the privilege of custody of Customs funds and that now that this privilege has been given up by the German and is about to be abandoned by the Russian bank, it is time for the Government to make efforts to secure its renunciation by the British bank. It also asks the Government to publish the amount of funds deposited with these foreign banks by the Customs—"Kuo Wen."

Peking, September 30.—Marshal Chang Tso-lin has telegraphed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs urging the appointment of a Government Commissioner to participate with the French liquidator of the Russo-Asiatic Bank in the liquidation of that bank. Marshal Chang is "paying great attention to the matter, especially as the bank has a close connection with the Chinese Eastern Railway in which the Mukden Warlord is vitally interested."

Upon receipt of the news of the suspension of the bank on Sunday afternoon the Waichiao called a meeting and discussed what steps it should take in regard to the matter. Much surprise was expressed at the action of the head office of the bank in Paris, seeing that China is interested in the bank to the extent of \$3,500,000 taels and that the Chinese Government was not consulted before hand. As a result it was decided to cable to Mr. Chen Lu, Chinese Minister in Paris, instructing him to report on the matter.

On Monday the Waichiao was officially informed of the liquidation of the bank by the local

branch of the institution. Afterwards the Waichiao wrote to the bank pointing out that China is one of the major shareholders of the bank and as such the Chinese Government is entitled to participate in the liquidation proceedings with the official liquidator—"Kuo Wen."

Paris, September 29.—"Le Matin" states that the Council of the Russo-Asiatic Bank has taken steps to secure the appointment of an official liquidator. It expresses the opinion that the actual deficit will be considerably below the estimate of \$5,000,000 given in some newspapers.—Reuter.

AT THE STAR.

"TURN TO THE RIGHT"
TO-DAY & TO-MORROW.

As a stage play, "Turn to the Right" made a fortune for John Golden who presented it and for the authors, Winchell Smith and John E. Hazard. Keeping up this financial record a half interest in the screen rights was sold to Metro Pictures Corporation for a quarter of a million dollars, top price for any motion picture production. The screen version is presented by John Golden and Marcus Loew and is a Rex Ingram production, directed by the creator, for the silent drama, of "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" and "The Conquering Power."

It tells the story of a country boy who, while serving a prison term unjustly, becomes acquainted with two crooks. Returning home he finds the mortgage about to be foreclosed by the village skinflint. With the aid of his two crook pals a way is found to beat out the miser while the influence of the aged mother leads the two crooks into love and a better life.

It is presented by a notable cast headed by Alice Terry who won an enviable reputation in "The Four Horsemen" and "The Conquering Power." Playing opposite her is Jack Mullan, known on both stage and screen. Others in the cast are Harry Myers, who was the Yankee in King Arthur's Court; George Cooper, Edward Connelly, Lydia Knott, Betty Allen, Margaret Loomis, William Blecher, Eric Mayne and Ray Ripley.

"Turn to the Right" was adapted by June Mathis and Mary O'Hara and photographed by John F. Seitz. The technical direction was by A. J. Myers and Harold Grieve. Starrett Ford was production manager.

THIS WILL INTEREST YOU If You Suffer from Rheumatism.

The several forms of Arthritis roughly grouped under the name of rheumatism have always proved somewhat baffling to the physician. It is safe to assert that he whose blood and nerves are in good condition is far more immune from attacks of rheumatism than the whose system is run down through poor blood and overtaxed nerves.

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\$10 TAX ON PIPE.

Peking, October 7.—With the object of levying taxes on opium smokers, an Opium Prohibition Bureau has been established in Peking. Over 400 opium dealers have registered their names in the Bureau and are now doing business openly.

The Opium Bureau has been imposed a tax of 30 cents on each ounce of opium and \$10 a month off each pipe in the form of stamp-duty. It has now also decided to impose a fine of one hundred times the duty on those who have no official permits. Many inspection officers will patrol the city.

Owing to this strict control, the number of the opium dealers who have already registered their names in the Bureau has gone well over 400, while pipes now licensed are over 800. These opium dealers are openly selling opium at 60 cents a mace (one tenth of an ounce) or \$4 a Chinese ounce.

Furthermore, it has been decided to impose a surtax of 10 per cent. of the bill on those who go to bath-houses, restaurants, theatres, and hotels as an amusement-tax. The levy of the stamp-duty of 20 per cent on foreign food, beer, etc., has been enforced strictly for the past two months.

WORLD THEATRE.

JOHN BARRYMORE AS
SHERLOCK HOLMES.

It may be true that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's great detective hero, Sherlock Holmes, is destined to join the ranks of those characters in fiction whose names have become immortalized. John Barrymore's portrait of Holmes will do much towards this end.

The film, of course, is not new to Hong Kong, but it is an excellent one and those who have not yet seen it would do so this evening, when the last two screenings will be given.

The producer was wise in taking his pictures "on the spot" and the familiar London thoroughfares, as seen throughout the film, will appeal to all who know the Metropolis.

The supporting cast is all that could be desired. Reginald Denny, now a movie idol, plays a minor role as a quite-lovable prince. This, if betraying the age of the film, will assure picture-goers that the producer knew how to cast his characters. The same applies to the other, perhaps less well-known, parts.

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LAST WEEK'S RETURN OF
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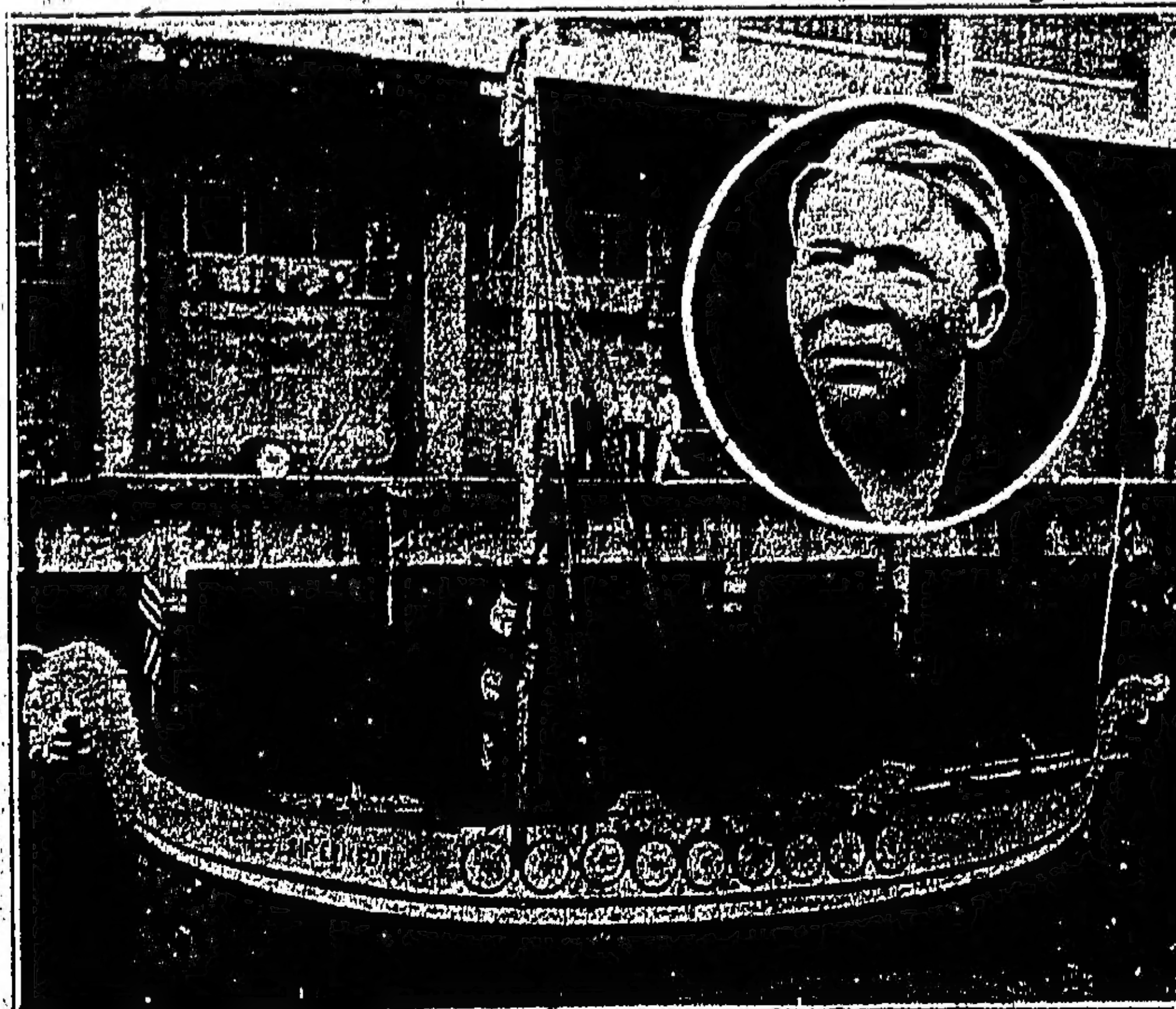
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